

## **A selective timeline of Portland**

- 1786 The citizens of Falmouth Neck vote to create a separate town of Portland
- 1790 Population 2,240 people
- 1820 Maine becomes a state with Portland as its capital city; population 8521 people
- 1831 The Portland Fire Department is chartered by the state
- 1832 the state capital moves to Augusta. The City of Portland is chartered by the state; city departments include fire department, city constable, city solicitor (attorney), street commissioner, and city marshal/health officer
- 1847 Earliest documented sewers in Portland are on Atlantic and St. Lawrence Streets. Waste water drains into harbor and back cove.
- 1859 Portland purchases its first steam-powered fire engine "Machingonne 1"
- 1866 Portland's great fire of 1866 with a loss of 1,800 buildings; Portland Water Company chartered
- 1869 Public water begins to flow in Portland; Bramhall Reservoir built
- 1874 Sewer line installed on Brown Street
- 1884 Intercepting sewer proposed with holding reservoir on Pomeroy Point.
- 1888 Munjoy Hill Reservoir constructed

- 1908 Portland Water District formed with the purchase of the Portland Water Company and the Standish Water and Construction Company
- 1960 Landmark buildings demolished as part of Urban Renewal program
- 1961 Beginning of the preservation movement in Portland
- 1979 Portland wastewater treatment plant constructed
- 2012 Population is 66,214.