HOMETOWN TRIVIA · SOUTH PORTLAND, ME

How well do you know South Portland?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. Which famous public figure was born in South Portland in 1895?

A. Margaret Chase Smith
B. James C. Oliver
C. Edmund Muskie

2. South Portland's Spring Point Ledge Light dates back to about which year?

A. 1842
B. 1897
C. 1867

3. Between 2010 and 2020, did South Portland grow or shrink?

A. It shrank
B. It grew

How well do you know South Portland?

4. Which county is South Portland in?

A. Cumberland County
B. Piscataquis County
C. Oxford County

5. About how many people lived in South Portland in 2020?

A. 68,000
B. 9,100
C. 26,000

REMEMBER WHEN · SOUTH PORTLAND

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- James C. Oliver was born right here in South Portland in 1895. Do you remember James C. Oliver from the news?
- South Portland's Spring Point Ledge Light dates back to 1897. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in South Portland go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown South Portland like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · SOUTH PORTLAND

Around South Portland

N R M E W W B R O A V S G B O
N G I B P O I N T L A N M A A
C G V E N S M O H I E V G N O
E L P K F M A S K B R O C D A
E T L C T I C E C R E A M S L
M F R V D L R T N A E O U T T
A L E U W O H E R R D F Y A K
I S B T V G L O H Y E E G N S
N I O C I E E I S O L W U D S
S I A L R D O F V L U E A N D
T A I W A G E N O E A S D T A
R S P R I N G R A P R U E G B
E T A P O S T O F F I C E S E
E P H B D A I E S N B T O N M
T I P M D I N E R V B L A R V

- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LEDGE
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] LIGHT
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] OLIVER
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] POINT
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SPRING
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. James C. Oliver James C. Oliver was born in South Portland in 1895.
Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1680115 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_C._Oliver

2. 1897 South Portland's Spring Point Ledge Light dates back to 1897.
Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q7580652 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_Point_Ledge_Light

3. It grew South Portland counted 25,002 people in 2010 and 26,498 in 2020.
Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Portland,_Maine

4. Cumberland County South Portland is in Cumberland County, Maine.
Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1000166

5. 26,000 The 2020 census counted 26,498 people in South Portland.
Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Portland,_Maine

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

N	R	M	E	W	W	B	R	O	A	V	S	G	B	O
N	G	I	B	P	O	I	N	T	L	A	N	M	A	A
C	G	V	E	N	S	M	O	H	I	E	V	G	N	O
E	L	P	K	F	M	A	S	K	B	R	O	C	D	A
E	T	L	C	T	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	S	L
M	F	R	V	D	L	R	T	N	A	E	O	U	T	T
A	L	E	U	W	O	H	E	R	R	D	F	Y	A	K
I	S	B	T	V	G	L	O	H	Y	E	E	G	N	S
N	I	O	C	I	E	E	I	S	O	L	W	U	D	S
S	I	A	L	R	D	O	F	V	L	U	E	A	N	D
T	A	I	W	A	G	E	N	O	E	A	S	D	T	A
R	S	P	R	I	N	G	R	A	P	R	U	E	G	B
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