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Restaurants that closed in 2025

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2025 saw plenty of exciting beginnings for Greater Fall River restaurants, but with that came some bittersweet — and surprising — ends.

This past year marked last call for several local eateries, some beloved

with a long history of serving up smiles and memorable eats, and some unique and promising culinary ventures that launched but didn't quite get cooking.

Here's a look at dining spots that closed in Greater Fall River in 2025:

The Counting House

The Counting House made its much-

anticipated debut in Fall River's historic Durfee-Union Mills complex at the end of 2024, serving up tapas-style small bites and turn-of-the-century vibes with a modern twist at 405 Pleasant St.

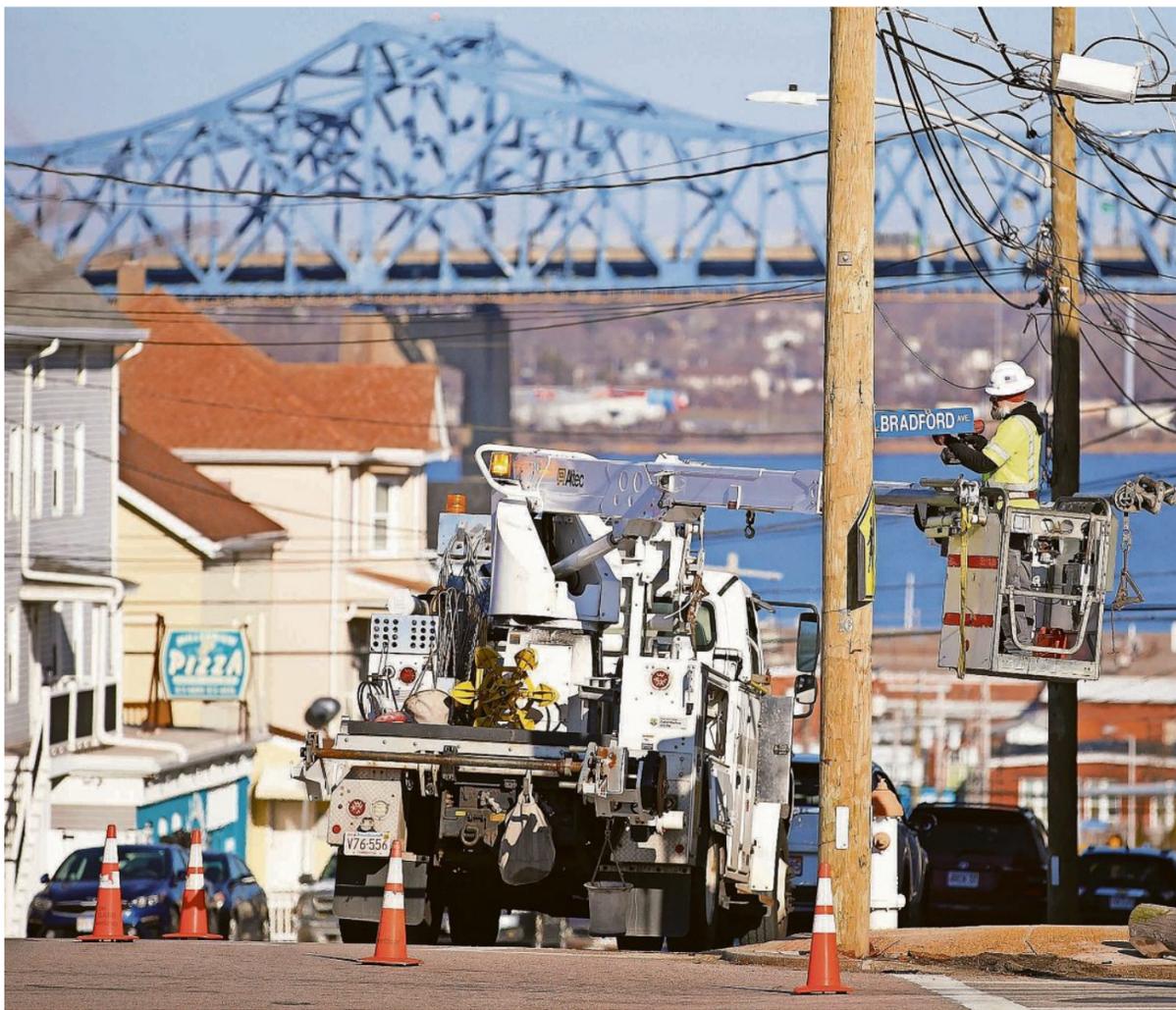
The historic, freestanding granite building that once served as the heart of mill operations was completely renovated into a chic upscale restaurant and craft cocktail lounge with a unique

speakeasy-inspired concept that was a nod to the Prohibition era and Fall River's past.

After roughly five months, however, the Counting House announced in June that it would be "temporarily closed until further notice" due to "unforeseen circumstances." The restaurant's

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FOLLOW THE SIGN



A worker puts up a sign at the corner of Bradford and Broadway in Fall River on Jan. 13. COLIN FURZE/HERALD NEWS

Sheriff Heroux shifts \$3M in jail budget

One cut leads to lawsuit

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DARTMOUTH — Bristol County Sheriff Paul Heroux says he has realigned nearly \$3 million in his budget by eliminating "non-jail positions" since taking office in January 2023.

"I put this money previously spent outside of the jail back into the jail," Heroux stated in a press release.

Heroux said jail operations needed to be a higher priority than non-jail operations, and the jail had many unmet needs.

He said many of the non-correctional operations were programs and services that should be delivered by other non-correctional public organizations.

Heroux said that by eliminating positions not pertaining to corrections, more money was available to address other needs, include improving

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Massachusetts nursing vacancies see decline



Nurses at Saint Vincent Hospital were on strike from 2021-2022, with staffing a key sticking point. Many nurses have called for mandated nurse-to-patient ratios as a key solution for understaffing. ASHLEY GREEN/TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF FILE

Crystal Yormick

Boston University Statehouse Program

While nurses and hospital leaders say it's a positive that there's been a recent decline in nursing vacancies, they also say there's still work to do.

New data from the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association (MHA) show that one in every 10 nursing positions is vacant, compared to other post-pandemic years when one in six roles was unfilled. While that's an improvement, it only gets the vacancy rate down to where it was before COVID-19, according to Aaron Winston, a registered nurse and committee co-chair for the Massachusetts Nursing

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