## Fall River waterfront now home to 15 spots for food and drinks

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## What's new at the Fall River waterfront? Food, drinks and fun

The Fall River waterfront is becoming a bustling hub for food and drink, with new establishments popping up regularly.

The Fall River Waterfront Cultural District now boasts 15 dining and drinking spots, according to a community announcement.

Recent additions include Morgan's Cantina, a high-end Mexican restaurant, and Gathering Grounds Café at the Fall River Carousel, which offers coffee, ice cream and baked goods. Primo on Water Street has also opened an outdoor patio.

"It's exciting to see these new places and know that more will follow," Sandra Dennis, executive director of Creative Arts Network Inc., said in the announcement. "Waterfront restaurants attract tourists and give the people in the community fantastic options for eating out."

The district offers a variety of cuisines, including Portuguese, Italian, Mexican, seafood, American fusion and comfort food. It also features two breweries, Canned Heat Craft Beer Co. and Troy City Brewery, which specialize in small-batch craft beers. Many establishments provide entertainment such as live music and karaoke, along with special events.

"There's always something fun to do," Dennis said. "I've seen lines of people waiting to get into the restaurants, just like you do in all the best tourist destinations."

Some of the district's eateries have gained statewide and national recognition. Sagres Restaurant, a staple on Columbia Street since 1976, was recently named among the top 13 most historic restaurants in Massachusetts and 15 must-try Portuguese restaurants in the USA. Earlier this year, Duke's Bakery and Cafe, known for its gluten-free offerings, partnered with one of the original "sharks" from "Shark Tank" to market Duke's Bakery GF Chicken 'n' Waffle Truck franchises. One of these trucks is currently operating at 147 Borden St. in Fall River.

"Statewide and national recognition – that's a sign of how special these places are," Dennis said.

Creative Arts Network has a section on its website dedicated to the waterfront district, which includes a list of its dining and drinking establishments.

For more information, visit <u>creativeartsnetwork.org</u>.

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