

New Bedford landmark “Chuck’s China Inn” permanently closes doors

The popular New Bedford landmark Chuck’s China Inn has closed its doors and the location is now available to be leased.

The Chinese restaurant has been a favorite destination for generations of hungry eaters and known for its water feature decorated entrance, the wooden dragon carved on the ceiling that at one time used to actually spew smoke from its mouth to the delight and fascination of children, and one of the best spots to sip a Scorpion Bowl.

While no reason has been given as to the cause of the recent announcement, in all likelihood it is another casualty of COVID-19. Most businesses have struggled to stay alive during the worldwide pandemic and restaurants have been some of the hardest hit.

The iconic landmark is situated on Acushnet Avenue alongside scores of businesses, offers 3,700 sq. ft. of space with a 1,700 sq. ft. kitchen, two dining areas that can hold 130 people, a full bar (liquor license can be made available), and a large basement that features a walk-in cooler and adjoining storage space, and has both off-street parking and its own parking lot. This makes it an ideal location for any business, restaurant or otherwise.

Have fond memories of Chuck’s China Inn? What were your favorite dishes on the menu? Leave a comment below or inbox us at info@newbedfordguide.com.