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New year, same story: Business turnover continues

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(Matt Rocheleau for Boston.com)

A 45-year-old Brighton florist shop (left) will soon close, and a four-year-old Allston clothing store (right) has already bid farewell.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

[This story was updated Jan. 7 after the florist shop announced it would hold off on closing for several more months.]

Last year was **tumultuous for businesses** in Allston and Brighton, and 2011 has quickly brought more of the same.

A 45-year-old, family owned and operated florist shop in Brighton will close in several months, and a four-year-old Allston clothing shop shut down over the weekend.

Minihane's Flower and Garden Shop on Washington Street in Brighton, which began serving Brighton and neighboring Boston communities in 1966, had planned to close January 31. But after owner Denis Minihane had a conversation with his landlord Wednesday morning, he said the closure plans have been put on hold so the landlord can line up a replacement business for the space. The florist shop is still expected to close so Minihane, 75, can retire, but not for about five or six months, he said.

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Still, the news isn't all bad. A nonprofit that aids needy children told The Patriot Ledger Tuesday it will soon move its headquarters, established in Quincy eight years ago, to Brighton.

Cradles to Crayons will relocate to a warehouse on North Beacon Street in Brighton because the nonprofit that donates goods to needy children is flourishing and needs more space than its current Quincy headquarters provides.

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