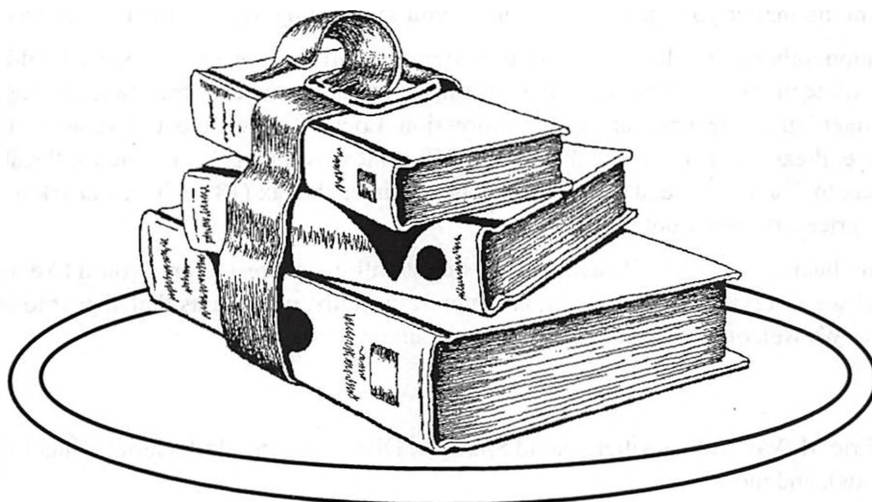


# The Readercon Restaurant Guide

or,

*You Can't Eat the Books*



## A Word about This Guide

This is not an exhaustive list. It was compiled by locals for your dining pleasure, so that you may determine what local dining options are open to you. To that purpose, we have decided to concentrate in a few local areas: in the hotel; Mall Road; north and south on the Middlesex Turnpike (including the Burlington Mall), plus a plaza at the intersection of Network Drive and Route 62; a short ways south on 3A; up Route 3 north (Cambridge St.), toward Burlington center; Lexington center; and Woburn, near Logan Express (very briefly). Most of the restaurants listed here are within a 15-20 minute drive (barring rush hour). The hotel shuttle will also take you to the Burlington Mall and Wayside Commons (just the other side of the highway on 3A south). In decent weather, a reasonably able person can also walk the mile or so to the Burlington Mall or Wayside Commons; places on Mall Road are even closer. In addition to a listing by location (which includes maps), there is also a listing by food type (Chinese, Mexican, etc.), places that are good for groups (*always* call ahead for more than six people), and places for special diets (vegan, gluten-free, kids). These listings do not have the brief reviews and data that the listings by location do, so they are cross-referenced to the location.

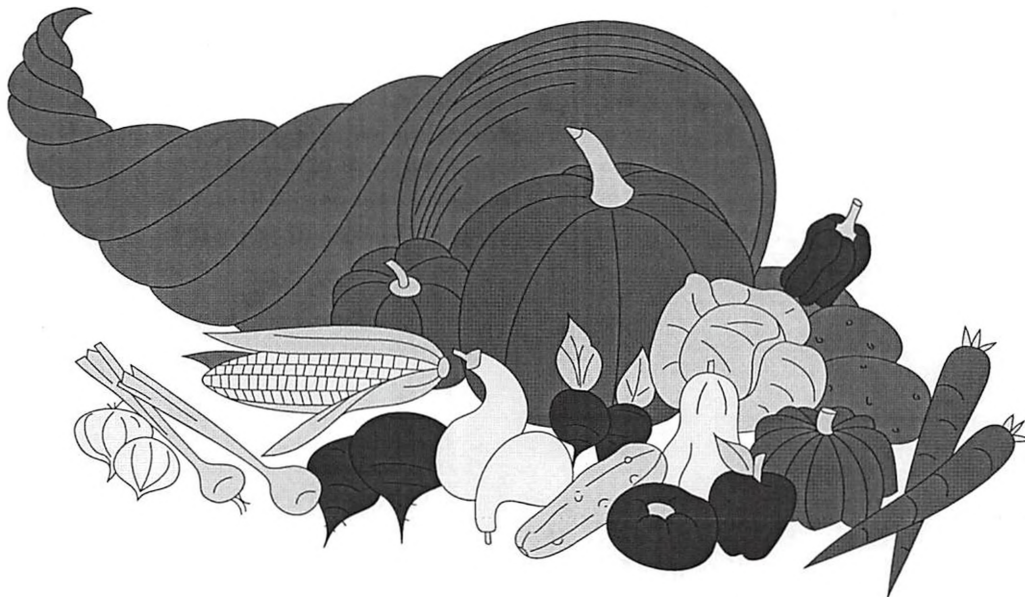
Our reviews are necessarily brief. Under the location listings, we haven't reviewed *everything*: if you don't know what a McDonald's or Starbucks is, we want to know what planet you're from. Also, we volunteer reviewers have to pay for our own food, and we can't afford to eat everywhere. We do include a URL and phone number, when we can acquire that data; the information desk may also have a menu that you can peruse. Where reservations are required, or at least strongly suggested, for parties of all sizes, we've tried to include that information. Nevertheless, it's probably a good idea to call ahead on a Saturday night, no matter your party's size, unless you're planning to go to the food court or something similar.

There is no information, other than what's in the brief reviews, on pricing. One man's \$\$\$\$ meal is another's \$\$ meal; we suggest you review online menus, or the ones at the information desk. In general, the phrases "cheap Chinese take-out" and "expensive steak dinner" give one a proper overall impression. Locally, expect most sit-down restaurants to have entrees in the \$8 - \$25 range. Please remember that the tax is 6.25%, but most towns have added a "local option" meals tax of 0.75%, bringing the tax to 7%. For a standard tip, it's about 2.5 times the tax (18%). You can ask for menus at the info desk if you'd like to see prices, or check out the URL.

Finally, the restaurant business is fickle. Please bring to our attention new restaurants you'd like us to check out next year, restaurants you feel we've reviewed improperly, and more especially, restaurants that appear to be defunct, bad, or simply have disappeared. We welcome your corrections and comments.

Thank you!

—Lisa Hertel (editor), Eric M. Van, Adina Adler, David Shaw, B. Diane Martin, Mark Hertel, Nida Intarapanich (proofer), Louise Waugh (menus), and more.



## Ground Zero: In the Hotel

**Summer|Winter** — Specializes in seasonal produce; expensive; standard upscale hotel brunch at breakfast. Closed for dinner on Sundays. (781) 221-6643, [www.summerwinterrestaurant.com](http://www.summerwinterrestaurant.com)

**Fitzwilliam's** — Noisy, crowded, and not terribly good pub food, but okay if you just want a quick, hot meal without leaving the hotel or impoverishing yourself. Also the hotel bar. (781) 221-6626

**Starbucks** — Lobby outpost; cruelly, mornings only. For those who like coffee ~~but~~ well-roasted. [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com)

## Area 1: Along Mall Road

*In the plaza just beyond Cabot House:*

**Starbucks** — Get your caffeine fix! (781) 273-6544, [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com)

**D'Angelo's** — Sub shop, with healthy options. (781) 273-4363, [www.dangelos.com](http://www.dangelos.com)

**Chipotle** — Over-stuffed, made-to-order burritos. (781) 345-1195, [www.chipotle.com](http://www.chipotle.com)

**B.Good** — Burgers (beef, veggie, turkey, or chicken breast), sides, salads. (781) 229-0700, [www.bgood.com](http://www.bgood.com)

**Yeh! Frozen Yogurt** — An deservedly-acclaimed Canadian chain; it also "Japanese" crepes. Self-serve, by the ounce, including toppings. (781) 365-0724, [www.yehyogurt.com](http://www.yehyogurt.com)

*In the Vinebrook Plaza, at the other end of Mall Rd.:*

**Wendy's** — Square burgers. (781) 272-0866, [www.wendys.com](http://www.wendys.com)

**Mr. Chan's Asian Bistro** — Surprisingly good Chinese, with other Asian foods, and cheap lunch specials. (781) 221-7288, [www.burlingtonasianbistro.com](http://www.burlingtonasianbistro.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts** — Ubiquitous. (781) 221-9988, [www.dunkin-donuts.com](http://www.dunkin-donuts.com)

**Pizzeria Presti** — Slightly upscale, but mostly standard Greek pizza joint. (781) 229-7779, [www.pizzapresti.com](http://www.pizzapresti.com)

## Area 2: The Burlington Mall & Directly Across the Middlesex Turnpike from the Mall

*Note: the food court, especially at dinner, is a great place for a large group—everybody can find something they like, it's fast, affordable, and quiet, and there's plenty of space. There's even a play area for tots. In the Food Court:*

**Appleseed Crepe and Bread**—crepes

**Big Easy Grille**—Cajun

**Charley's Grilled Subs**—subs

**Chik-Fil-A**—boring fast food

**Gourmet India**—really good, cheap Indian

**Maki of Japan**—mostly teriyaki, but tasty

**Pizzeria Regina**—slices

**Pretzel Twister**—soft pretzels (a bit down the hallway)

**Ruby Thai Kitchen**—Thai

**Shot Cakes**—so-so cupcakes with frosting or ice cream

**Spike's Junkyard Dogs**—hot dogs

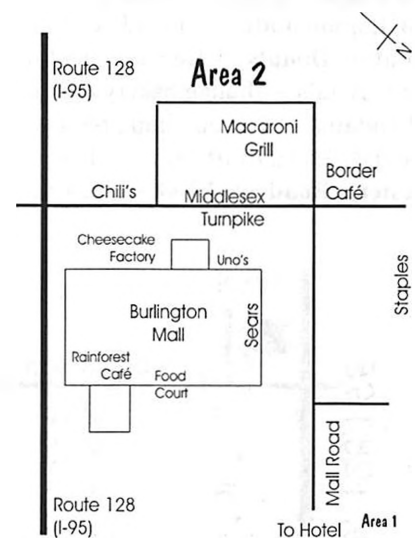
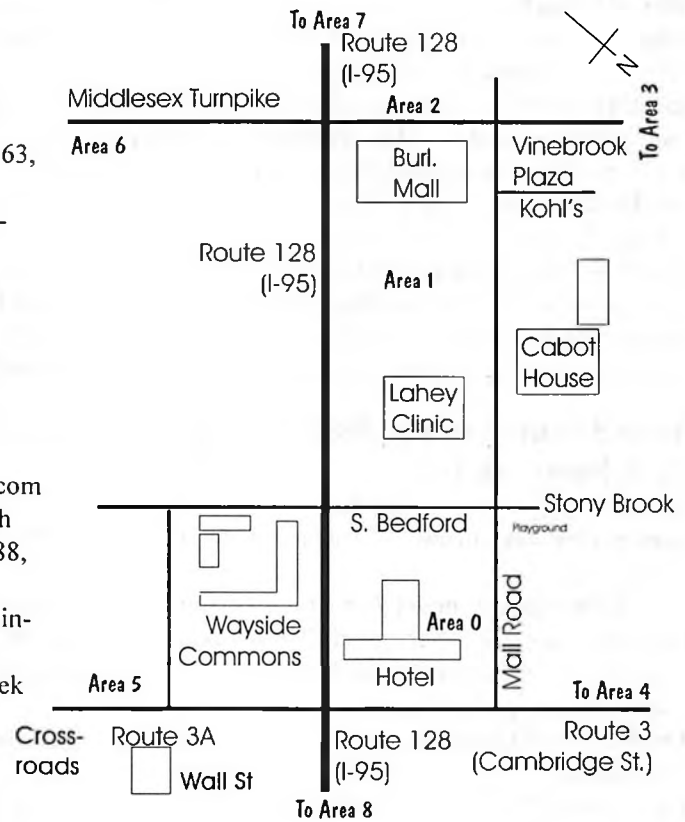
**Quiznos Subs**—toasted to hide the stale bread

*Just below the Food Court:*

**Au Bon Pain** — Croissants, soups, salads, and sandwiches. They used to be great, and are now merely acceptable.

**Häagen-Dazs** — Expensive ice cream & frappes. A lot of people think they're worth the money.

**Legal Seafood** — A New England seafood fave. There are a few entrées for land-lubbers. Reservations suggested. (781) 270-9700, [www.legalseafoods.com](http://www.legalseafoods.com)



*Elsewhere in the Mall:*

**Blue Stove at Nordstrom** — Tapas & wine bar with good reviews. (781) 345-7800

**The Cheesecake Factory** — A little bit of everything; their shtick is that they *make* you wait, even if the place is empty, so you can be tempted by the bakery counter. Some people love it; some don't. (781) 273-0060, [www.thecheesecakefactory.com](http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts** — How New Englanders say "coffee." One every mile!

**eBar at Nordstrom's** — Coffee, smoothies, sandwiches, and snackage.

**Johnny Rockets** — Burgers & shakes frappes. [www.johnnyrockets.com](http://www.johnnyrockets.com)

**Mrs. Field's Cookies** — Chocolate chip cookies to die for.

**Rainforest Café** — Okay American food, but the kids love it. (781) 272-7555, [www.rainforestcafe.com](http://www.rainforestcafe.com)

**Uno's Chicago Grill** — More than just deep-dish pizza and pasta, it also has burgers. (781) 229-1300, [www.unos.com](http://www.unos.com)

*Across the street on the Middlesex Turnpike:*

**The Border Café** — Mexican, as one would expect. Noisy, but it has good food and good beer; often there's a wait for dinner. (781) 505-2500, [www.bordercafe.com](http://www.bordercafe.com)

**Chili's Southwestern Bar & Grille** — Tex-Mex. Good burgers, and the Southwestern Eggrolls are everyone's favorite; also kid-friendly. There's a big-box bookstore next door. (781) 273-9303, [www.chilis.com](http://www.chilis.com)

**Macaroni Grill** — Decent modern Italian; it also boasts a kids menu, a gluten-free menu, and a side room for large groups. And you can write on the tables! (781) 273-5180, [www.MacaroniGrill.com](http://www.MacaroniGrill.com)

**Area 3: North of the Mall: Up the Middlesex Turnpike, and Rte. 62 & Network Dr.**

*Corner of Network Drive & the Middlesex Turnpike*

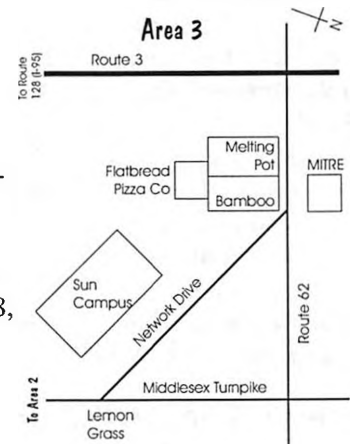
**Lemon Tree Restaurant** — Decent Thai food. (781) 273-2323, [www.lemontreethairestaurant.com](http://www.lemontreethairestaurant.com)

*At Rte. 62 & Network Drive (across from MITRE), there's a trio in one building*

**Bamboo Gourmet** — Very good Chinese, Japanese, and sushi. They have a side room you can reserve ahead for groups. Lunch buffet, plus dinner buffet on Sunday. (781) 275-5888, [www.bamboogourmet.com](http://www.bamboogourmet.com)

**The Flatbread Company** — Funky pizza, dinner only on Sundays. [www.flatbreadcompany.com](http://www.flatbreadcompany.com)

**The Melting Pot** — Reservations required, even though it's great for kids. Fondue in cheese & chocolate, plus salads for those who value their arteries. (781) 791-0529, [www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)



**Area 4: North on Rte. 3 to Burlington Center**

**Burlington House of Pizza** — Newly reopened; hours questionable. Near cheap gas. (781) 272-5877

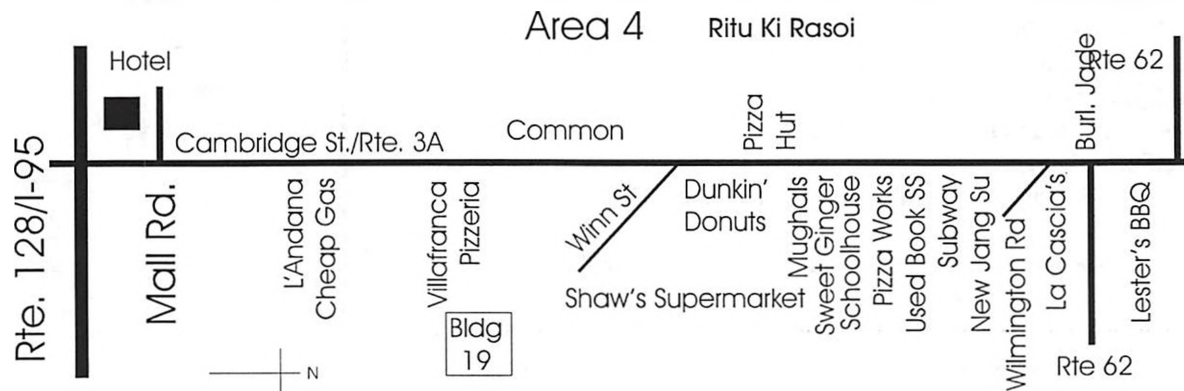
**Burlington Jade** — Should be closed.

**Dunkin' Donuts** — Because they're ubiquitous.

**La Cascia's** — Italian bakery & market. (781) 272-5203, [lacascias.com](http://lacascias.com)

**L'Andana** — Tuscan dining because they're too classy for "Italian": very expensive, very upscale, dress code, dinner only. (781) 270-0100, [www.landanagrill.com](http://www.landanagrill.com)

**Lester's Roadside BBQ** — Mediocre BBQ and bad chili; check the website for coupons. (781) 221-7427, [lestersbbq.com](http://lestersbbq.com)



**Mughals** — Indian food.

**New Jang Su** — Good Korean BBQ, with tables for up to 6 that you can cook at. (781) 272-3787, menu available online

**Pizza Hut** — Commercial pizza joint. [www.pizzahut.com](http://www.pizzahut.com)

**Pizza Works** — Standard pizza joint. (781) 229-6757, [pizzaworksonline.com](http://pizzaworksonline.com)

**Ritu Ki Rasoi** — Traditional Indian “street food,” vegetarian, closed Mondays. (781) 229-8349, [www.ritukirasoi.com](http://www.ritukirasoi.com)

**Schoolhouse Ice Cream** — Home-made ice cream, plus sandwiches & soups. (781) 221-0338, [www.schoolhouse-icecream.com](http://www.schoolhouse-icecream.com)

**Shaw's** — Supermarket with prepared foods. [www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com)

**Subway** — Hoagies. [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com)

**Sweet Ginger** — More a bar than a Chinese restaurant. (781) 272-5885, [sweetgingerburlington.com](http://sweetgingerburlington.com)

**Villafranca Pizzeria** — Wood-fired pizza. (781) 328-0957, [pizzeriavillafranca.com](http://pizzeriavillafranca.com)

## Area 5: South on 3A & Wayside Commons

*Wayside Commons is uphill, opposite Wall St., on the left after you cross under the highway (see Area 1 map); Crossroads Plaza is further down, one light beyond Wall St., on 3A south, on the right.*

**Bickford's** — A diner chain; the Baby Apple is excellent. Breakfast any time, good clam strips, and a good value. Good for groups after breakfast time, open to midnight. (781) 272-2262, [www.bickfordsrestaurants.com](http://www.bickfordsrestaurants.com)

**Café Escadrille** — Expensive fine dining with a French flair, but more casual & a bit more reasonable at lunch. Closed Sundays. Just beyond the bike store. (781) 273-1916, [www.cafeescadrille.com](http://www.cafeescadrille.com)

**Capital Grille** — An upscale steak place with an excellent wine list; expensive but worth it. Reservations strongly recommended. Wayside. (781) 505-4130, [www.thecapitalgrille.com](http://www.thecapitalgrille.com)

**Chuck E. Cheese's** — For over-wrought little kids to shriek & run. Wall St. (781) 229-2024, [www.chuckecheese.com](http://www.chuckecheese.com)

**Cold Stone Creamery** — Expensive ice cream that does mix-ins. Wayside. (781) 270-2620, [www.coldstonecreamery.com](http://www.coldstonecreamery.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts** — How New Englanders say “coffee.” Wall St. (781) 564-9974, [www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com)

**Fresh City** — Noodle bowls & wraps; expensive, splittable, and fast. Wayside. (781) 273-0500, [www.freshcity.com](http://www.freshcity.com)

**Ginger Pad Asian Bistro** — Good sushi, Asian fusion, some interesting combos, and a bar. Wayside. (781) 221-7899, [www.gingerpad.com](http://www.gingerpad.com)

**Not Your Average Joe's** — Funky American, with seasonal specials and a good bar; kids menu, gluten-free menu. Reservations suggested for groups over four. Wayside. (781) 505-1303, [www.notyouraveragejoes.com](http://www.notyouraveragejoes.com)

**Outback Steakhouse** — Surf & Turf with an Aussie theme; dinner only. In the Crossroads Plaza. (781) 270-9300, [www.outback.com](http://www.outback.com)

**Panera** — Breads, bagels, soups, and sandwiches; free wifi. Crossroads Plaza. (781) 272-1365, [www.panera-boston.com](http://www.panera-boston.com)

**Papa Razzi** — Good modern Italian dining. Wall St. (781) 229-0100, [www.paparazzitrattoria.com](http://www.paparazzitrattoria.com)

**Roche Bros.** — Slightly more expensive market; excellent produce & meats. Crossroads. [www.rochebros.com](http://www.rochebros.com)

**Subway** — A healthier choice hidden between Dunkin's & Chuck E. Cheese. Wall St. (781) 281-8142, [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com)

## Area 6: South of Rte. 128 on the Middlesex Turnpike

**Burger King** — Slightly better burgers and worse fries than McD's. [www.bk.com](http://www.bk.com)

**Burton's Grill** — Upscale steakhouse and martini bar. In the Middlesex Mall. (781) 221-2281, [www.burtonsgill.com](http://www.burtonsgill.com)

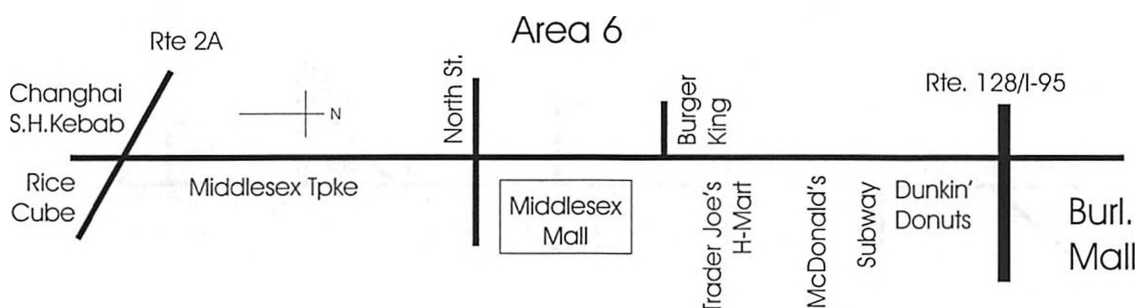
**The Chateau** — Old-fashioned (heavy) Italian-American.; Middlesex Mall. (781) 202-3570, [www.chateaurrestaurant.com](http://www.chateaurrestaurant.com)

**D'Angelo's** — Sub shop chain. [www.dangelos.com](http://www.dangelos.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts** — Alas, no drive-through. (781) 272-0369, [www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com)

**Five Guys** — New! Burgers & fries; decent & over-hyped; Middlesex Mall. (781) 750-3152, [www.fiveguys.com](http://www.fiveguys.com)

**H-Mart** — A huge Asian supermarket with a food court inside: Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Korean, bakery, and more. A traffic nightmare on Saturdays, and neither fast nor very cheap. (781) 221-4570, [www.hmart.com](http://www.hmart.com)



**Market Basket** — Really cheap groceries, plus a large in-store prepared foods area and tables to eat at. In the Middlesex Mall. (781) 273-3673, mydemoulas.com

**McDonald's** — Really? You don't know?

**Subway** — Another sub shop chain. www.subway.com

**Trader Joe's** — Upscale supermarket with lots of free-trade, organic goods, and some prepared foods. www.traderjoes.com

*Even further south:*

**Changhai** — Take-out only, cheap lunch specials, really good General Gao's chicken (not battered!). (781) 861-8889, www.changhai.com

**Rice Cube** — Thai hole-in-the-wall, good for cheap take-out. (781) 860-9088, www.ricecubethaikitchen.com

**Sizzling House of Kebab** — Cheap Mediterranean take-out. (781) 652-0468, www.sizzlinghouseofkabab.com

## Area 7: Worth an Expedition: Lexington Center

**Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria** — Flat-crust, wood-fired pizza and Italian entrées; a local chain that's great for kids. (781) 860-9000, www.bertuccis.com

**Cake** — Cakes & cupcakes only. Expensive; closed Sundays. (781) 674-cake(2253), www.cakeperiod.com

**Dabin Restaurant** — Korean, with some Japanese. No lunch on Sunday. (781) 860-0171, dabinlexington.com

**Daikanyama** — Good, but expensive, Japanese and sushi. (781) 860-9388, www.dkyama.com

**Great Harvest Bread Co.** — Bakery, sandwiches. (781) 861-9990, www.greatharvest.com

**Dunkin' Donuts** — Because it's been a mile since the last one. (781) 863-8574, www.dunkindonuts.com

**Khushboo** — Indian; a nice atmosphere, friendly (but slow) service, and can handle large groups. (781) 863-2900, www.khushboorestaurant.com

**Lemon Grass** — A lovely Thai place, and yes, it once was a Pewter Pot. (781) 862-3530, www.lemongrassmenu.com

**Lexx** — Upscale American. (781) 674-2990, www.lexx-restaurant.com

**Mario's** — Old-fashioned, reasonably-priced Italian-American. It's survived 40ish years, which tells you something. (781) 861-1182, www.marioslexington.com

**Nourish** — Health food; nice burgers, but kids hate it. (781) 674-2400, nourishlexington.com

**Peet's Coffee & Tea** — Upscale coffee, but stay away from the bakery treats. If you see barrista Cori, say hi. (781) 357-2090, www.peets.com

**Rancatore's** — Top-notch ice cream for which the Boston area is famous. Try sweet cream ice cream. The best hot fudge, too. (781) 862-5090, www.rancs.com

**Ride Studio Café** — A bike shop near the rail trail, with a café inside. (339) 970-0187, ridestudiocafe.com

**Royal India Bistro** — Indian. (781) 861-7350, www.bistoroyalindia.com

**Ruyi Restaurant** — Hibachi & sushi, good for groups & kids. (781) 863-2800, www.ruyirestaurant.com

**Starbucks** — Trying to compete with Dunky's. (781) 863-8485, www.starbucks.com

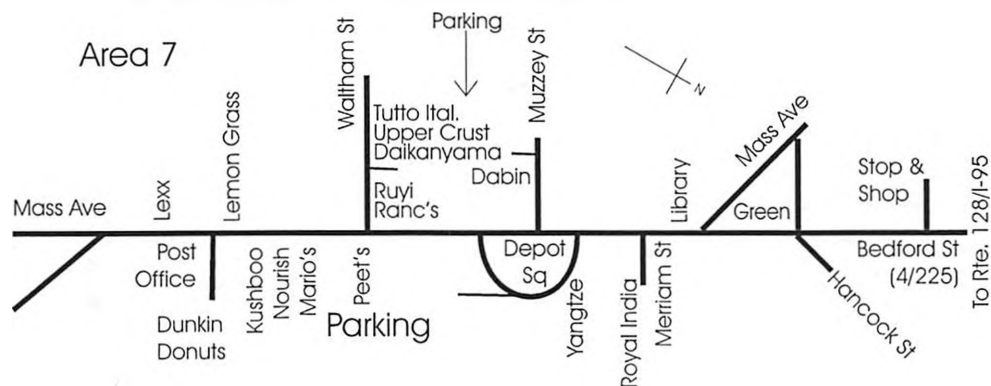
**Stop & Shop** — Some prepared foods, but also a kosher bakery & kosher deli slicer. Just outside the center on Rte. 4/225 (Bedford St.). (781) 861-0457, www.stopandshop.com

**Sweet Thyme Bakery** — Upscale bakery; also has gluten-free and low-sugar desserts. Across from a really good library. (781) 860-8818, www.sweetthymbakery.com

**Tutto Italiano** — Italian deli. Annoying website. (781) 541-6585, www.tuttoit.com

**Upper Crust Pizzeria** — Pizza with unusual toppings. (781) 274-0089, www.theuppercrustpizzeria.com

**Yangtze River Restaurant** — Slightly better than average Chinese. Lunch & dinner buffets, weekend dim sum; private room may be reserved for groups. (781) 861-6030, yangtzelexington.com



## Area 8: On Your Way Home: Woburn near Logan Express

**Bertucci's** — Brick oven pizza, pasta, and more. Good for kids.

**Chipotle** — Over-stuffed burritos.

**Joe's Bar & Grill** — Great entrees, a nice gazpacho, plus clam chowder in a bread bowl.

**On the Border** — Decent Tex-Mex, for a chain.

**Pizzeria Uno's** — Chicago pizza and more.

**Qdoba** — Burritos and such.

**Sarku of Japan** — The mall version, grown into an independent store. Good teppanyaki, and remarkably good, cheap sushi.

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#### Gluten-Free Menus

*Courtesy of GlutenFreeRegistry.com*

Bertucci's (7, 8)  
 Capital Grill (5)  
 The Chateau (6)  
 Chik-fil-A (2)  
 Chili's (2)

Fresh City (5)  
 Legal Seafoods (2)  
 Macaroni Grill (2)  
 Not Your Average Joe's (5)  
 Outback Steakhouse (5)  
 Papa Razzi's (5)

#### Great for Kids

##### *Little kids*

Burlington Mall Food Court (2)  
 Chuck E. Cheese's (5)

McDonald's (6)  
 Cold Stone Creamery (5)

##### *A bit older*

Bamboo (3)  
 Bertucci's (7, 8)  
 Chili's (2)  
 Macaroni Grill (2)

Market Basket (6)  
 Panera (5)  
 Rain Forest Café (2)  
 Yangtze River (7)

### Vegetarian Delights

Almost anything Asian or Indian  
B. Good (1)

Ritu Ki Rasoi (4)  
Nourish (7)

### Good for Groups (6+)

*Always call ahead, except for the food court*

Bamboo (3)  
Burlington Mall Food Court (2)  
Joe's American Bar & Grill (8)  
Kushboo (7)

Macaroni Grill (2)  
Not Your Average Joe's (5) (up to 8 or so)  
Ruyi (7) (up to 8 or so)  
Yangtze River (7)

## **Other Useful Stuff: Supermarkets, Liquor Stores, Pharmacies, Office Supplies, etc.**

### Supermarkets

**Market Basket** has prices that rival the Big Box Superstores, and prepared meals. Highly recommended. **Trader Joe's** has all your earthy-crunchy needs. **H-Mart** is an Oriental foods mega-store plus food court. It needs a cop to control traffic on Saturdays. **Stop & Shop** in Lexington has a kosher meat slicer (heckshered by the local conservative rabbi) and kosher bakery. L'chaim! **Roche Brothers** has awesome fruits & vegetables. Off the maps, there's a **BJ's** in Woburn, and a **CostCo** in Waltham; the locals are trying to keep out the big-box behemoths.

### Liquor Stores

*Note that liquor stores are closed before noon on Sundays.* **Busa Liquors**, just south of Rte. 128 on the northbound side of the Middlesex Turnpike, is the local monopoly. Your standard local liquor store; it's where all the drunks shop. There's a bigger one, with more selection, in Burlington center, next to Shaw's. For something a bit classier, try **Crossroads Beer & Wine** ([www.crossroadsbeerandwine.com](http://www.crossroadsbeerandwine.com)), just south on Route 3 in the Crossroads Plaza.

### Pharmacies

There is a **CVS** that does not have a prescription counter in the Burlington Mall. For a full service pharmacy, you'll need to go further. We suggest CVS just south on Rte. 3, **Walgreens** in Lexington on Rte. 4/225 near Stop & Shop (see supermarkets), or **Rite Aid** further south on Rte. 3, depending upon where you usually go. What, you don't like chain pharmacies? Try **Theatre Pharmacy** in Lexington center. In an emergency, always dial 911!

### Office Supplies & Shipping

**Staples** is just at the other end of the Mall Road, in the Vinebrook Plaza to your right, as the Burlington Mall is on your left (it's at the back). Be aware that they close at 9pm most nights, and open Sundays 10-6. In the same plaza is a **UPS store**. There's a **FedEx Office** on the Middlesex Turnpike southbound, just south of Rte. 128. For stationery geeks, there's a pen & paper store in the Burlington Mall. To ship, there's a **FedEx** store up the Mall Road near Starbucks which, sadly, is closed Sundays, but does have a drop box. The hotel may also be willing to ship packages for you.

If there's anything else, please don't hesitate to ask at the information desk! Or just stop by and say hi.

