



# City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
MAYOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: **Charlie's Kitchen** has been a Harvard Square institution for the past fifty years; and

WHEREAS: Trends have come and gone, but **Charlie's** is still the same comfortable convenient spot to get a honest burger; and

WHEREAS: **Charlie's** is owned by Charles Lambros, The Burger Burgermeister; and

WHEREAS: Along with the no-nonsense menu and the old-fashioned atmosphere, **Charlie's** also provides another very special feature: its waitress, Helen Metzger, who brightens the day for both the customers and new arrivals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its appreciation for the fifty years of burgers and customer friendly service provided by **Charlie's Kitchen** and its best wishes for many more successful years; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to **Charlie's Kitchen** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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*The owner*

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Whereas: Charlie's is owned by Charlie Lombro; and

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# The Burger Bürgermeister: Charlie's is King

Name a brick building institution that has been housed in Harvard Square for over fifty years. Okay, now name another one. **Charlie's Kitchen**, 10 Eliot St., has been a destination, a meeting place, a constant.

Neon signs on the outside, and the inside. Checkerboard tiles cover the wall. Red booths, and chrome stools lining the bar. It could be the description of some trendy new retro-bar. But this is Charlie's Kitchen... It's the real thing! Trends have come and gone and Charlie's is still...Charlie's. It even has an owner named Charlie: *Charlie Lambros*.

Boston may have a place where everybody knows your name. Harvard Square has a waitress who knows



*For half a century, Charlie's has reigned as King of the Double-Cheesburgers*

just about everything. Anybody who has been to Charlie's knows *Helen Metzger*, and she knows everybody. Within a few minutes she may ask the skateboarder about his girlfriend, the businessman about his bad luck, and the student about finals. When you walked in, you may have only wanted a double-cheeseburger special, but with Helen as your waitress, you may be leaving with advice on getting to sleep and a great recipe for turkey stuffing to go with it.

With the atmosphere of Charlie's Kitchen, they may even host more reunions than that other brick building institution in the Square.

*By Rick Jenkins, The Coop and The Comedy Studio*

## F.Y.I.

**Membership Drive** By now, you should have received two of the 3 postcards promoting HSBA membership sent to approximately 600 Harvard Square businesses who are not presently members, as well as to HSBA Members. The intention is to inform and educate businesses about the many projects and programs for which the HSBA is responsible. Our new Membership Brochure and a personal note encouraging involvement will follow the postcard mailings. Please help by sharing this literature with your neighbors and encouraging them to join the HSBA. More members = more resources, and more that we can do for the entire Square.

**Police Walkaround** Five reps from the Camb. Police Dept. took part in their annual staff walkaround on Brattle St. and Church St. on 5/1. The group consisted of Supt. Murphy, Dep. Supt. Giacoppo and Pimental, Capt. Breen, Lt. Williams, and HSBA Exec. Dir. Sudholz. The walk included visiting a majority of the stores and impromptu meetings with the manager/owner on duty. The walk proved to be very productive and led the CPD administration to respond to numerous issues. Another walk is scheduled on 6/12, 11am for JFK & Mt. Auburn Streets. We hope to program more walks to cover all areas of the Square.

**Street Monitors** The Arts Council's Street Monitors began patrolling Camb. in late May. If you have a request or problem regarding street performers, contact Cherie Martin: 349-4380.

**Movie Magic** No it was not a dream - Newbury Comics did appear to be on Bow Street for a couple of days in May, and the trees in Brattle Square did grow taller and fuller in a matter of days,

but that is the magic of movies. That's right, when *Good Will Hunting* planned to film on Bow Street it freshened up **The Coop Annex** building, including putting a faux Newbury Comics front between the Bow & Arrow Pub and **Baskin-Robbins**. They also got into the flora department by planting the beds on Mass Ave., and by importing branches and attaching them to broken stubs on the Brattle Sq. trees. *Good Will Hunting* is expected to be released in Dec. - so be sure to check it out!

**Coop Construction** Serious renovation work begins on **The Coops'** "Great Room" building after Harvard graduation. The retail section now holding stationery will remain open during construction, which should be complete this Sept. Some products, such as some cosmetics will be returning to **The Coop**. The Palmer St. site will remain open with work scheduled for late Sept thru Jan. '98.

**May Festivals** May was a busy and successful month for bringing in tens of thousands of visitors to the Square for over nine days of cultural events. Arts First, May Fair, and Book Festival & Fair all reported great response and terrific turnout, and are guaranteed to bring repeat visitors throughout the year.



*Juggler and performer extraordinaire Marc Farneth has a captive audience at the May Fair, Sunday, May 4th.*



The Harvard Square  
Business Association  
Taking Care Of The Square

PLEASE DELIVER THIS FAX TO:

NAME:

Gail Jones

COMPANY:

City Hall

FAX NUMBER:

349-4269

ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS FAX, PLEASE CONTACT:

NAME:

Kristin Sudholz / Cynthia Miller

FROM:

HSBA

COMMENTS:

11 pages Total

Cathy Miller

7/23/97

Dear Gail:

We are thrilled that Connita Triantafyllou wants  
one to recognize one of Harvard Square's many  
independent businesses! I have sent the Charlie's  
Kitchen article you requested - as well as  
newsletter features about some of our other member  
businesses.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have all of  
Harvard Square's small business owners  
so honored! Let us know if you need more info.



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Consent ORder #27

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Councillor Triantafillou re:  
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the Burgermeister, for fifty  
years of burgers to the City  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**