

# Homing in on Good Restaurants via Internet Tools

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## Topics:

Restaurant Review Websites  
voluntary customer reviews

professional food critic reviews

Accessing Restaurant Menus

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**Khushboo** \$\$\$  
Lexington, MA  
Consumer Rating: N/A [Write a Review](#)  
**Cuisine: Indian**

**AAA Inspector's Notes:** Follow your nose to Khushboo, which means "aroma," quite fitting considering the pungent nature of the restaurant's Southern Indian dishes, including tandoori dishes, spicy vindaloos and curries. Quench the fire with a tasty lassi drink made from yogurt. On the second floor of a downtown building overlooking Main Street, this place lets you top off your meal with a traditionally prepared dessert or ice cream.

**Lemon Grass Thai Cuisine** \$\$  
Lexington, MA  
Consumer Rating: N/A [Write a Review](#)  
**Cuisine: Thai**

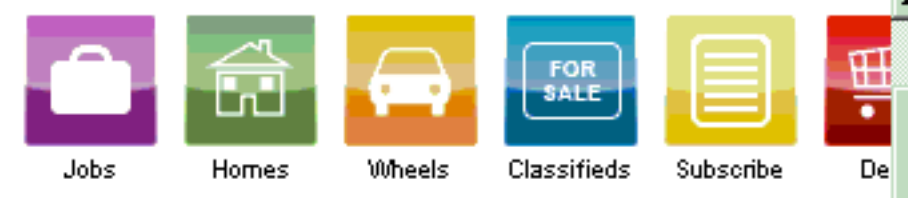
**AAA Inspector's Notes:** In a storefront location in the center of town, Lemon Grass coordinates simple but not plain decor, including large pictures, brass statues and golden embroidered placemats under glass. Give extra consideration to traditional choices such as the golden bags starter and excellent chicken coconut soup, followed by seafood, beef or pork prepared with curry, garlic or ginger sauce. Also on the menu are noodle, rice and vegetarian dishes. Hit a sweet note with the unusual ginger and coconut ice creams or Thai custard.

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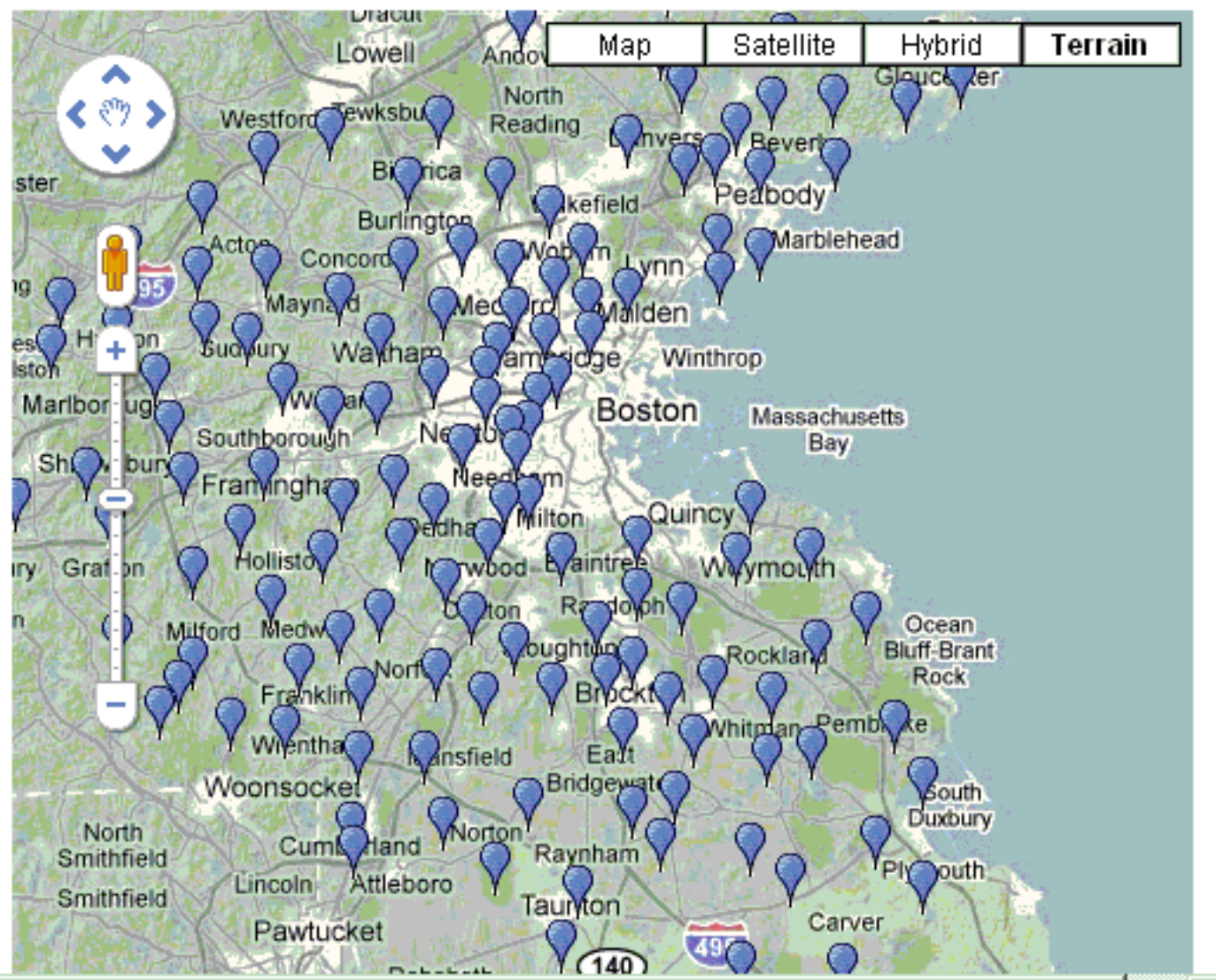
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Acton MA 01720  
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Tewksbury MA 01876  
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Churrascaria Rodeo  
920 Main Street  
Woburn MA 01888  
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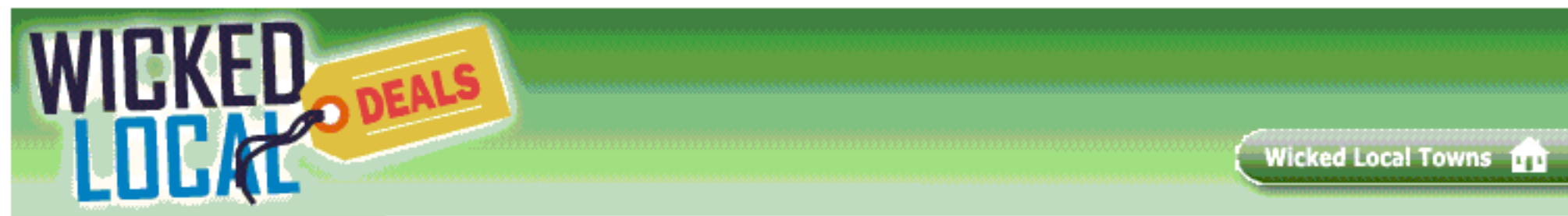
Garrison's Food & Spirits  
503 Boston Rd  
Billerica MA 01822  
<http://garrisonsrestaurant.com>

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### Garrison's Food & Spirit

503 Boston Rd  
Billerica, Massachusetts 01821  
Phone: 978-670-1202

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Garrison's Food & Spirits is a family friendly restaurant that has been serving great food at reasonable prices to Billerica and the surrounding area since 2000! The atmosphere is casual and relaxed. Our menu includes delicious steaks, fresh seafood, Italian specialties and many traditional American classics. We have lunch specials of unsurpassed quality at very reasonable prices. We also have kids meals and we are very kid friendly allowing for the whole family to dine together without stress. Best of all, our servers will make sure your dining experience is a pleasure.

Our spacious dining rooms can seat up to 220 people. The layout of the restaurant allows for function room space for groups from 10 to 75 (please call for details).

In our lounge, you will find 4 widescreen televisions as well as Keno/lottery screens. We have live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Our bartenders are friendly and pour the best drinks around, but we also feature a wide selection of beers and wines.

Come in today and you'll quickly become one of our loyal regulars too!



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## Health Division - Mayor's Food Court

The Mayor's Food Court provides consumers with current information about Boston's restaurants so that they can make informed decisions about where they will eat. The Mayor's Food Court provides restaurant owners and food service professionals with information about proper food handling and management practices so that they can continue to provide quality food service to consumers.

Food service establishment violations are rated as either a [Foodborne Illness Risk Factor Critical Violation](#), a [Critical Violation](#) or a [Non-Critical Violation](#).

The information on the site is constantly updated as new inspections are completed.

In order to view the restaurant inspection data, click the link below, read the disclaimer and continue on to the search page.

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**ISD Hours of Operation:**  
 1010 Mass Ave.  
 Monday - Friday:  
 8:00am - 4:00pm  
 Thursday Evening:  
 Building Division Only  
 8:00am - 7:00pm

**Please note that the cashier closes 15 minutes prior to closing**

## City Calendar >>

See a listing of inspectional services hearings.



**BOARD OF APPEAL HEARINGS**

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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## Search Food Handling Inspections

**Please note that this database is a new initiative and includes violation information on inspections of Cambridge restaurants beginning February 1, 2004.**

**For inspections conducted prior to June 1, 2004, limited violation information is available. For detailed information on these violations, or if the viewer desires more detailed information than is included in this data base for any inspection, restaurant inspection reports can be viewed during normal working hours at:**

**Inspectional Services Department Record Room  
831 Massachusetts Avenue.  
Basement Level**

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