

## HARVARD SQUARE



Berk's Shoes closed this week after 35 years in Harvard Square. COURTESY PHOTO / BERK'S SHOES

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General Manager Mickey Holland said the economy and ongoing construction on the Anderson Memorial Bridge in Harvard Square have hurt business.

"We are all carrying heavy hearts on the matter. It's been a sad transition to watch such great local shops forcibly closed throughout the years in Cambridge and across the country," read a Berk's Shoes

the country makes it really difficult for small business, local business, independent business to survive. It's a sad day for us and a sad day for Cambridge as we watch yet again another small business fall."

The store's owner declined to comment.

Berk's Shoes opened in 1980 on Brattle Street and the owner relocated the shop three years later to its current location at 50 JFK St.

Customers took to social media, reacting to the store's closing.

"[I] grew up in Cambridge a stone's throw from the square

Facebook wall Aug. 13. "Heart-breaking news. Best of luck to you from a Cantabrigian who is now a Melrosian/Maldoian who proudly shops local and small!"

Two days earlier, Kate Bowsfield wrote, "So sad, like most of the amazing places in Harvard Square you will be loved and missed, but also gone. Thank you for the many years of just being you."

For more information, visit [berkshoes.com](http://berkshoes.com).

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