



Local Restaurants Receive “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award

The Whatcom County Health Department is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Silver Platter Award** for 2009. The award recognizes excellence in safe food handling and is given to dining establishments that achieve outstanding scores during food safety inspections throughout the year.

“Once again, we want to acknowledge the efforts of operators who demonstrate a commitment to food safety in their restaurants,” stated Regina Delahunt, Public Health Director. “We are pleased that so many operators have performed so well during routine inspections.”

Only about 5% percent of the dining establishments inspected in 2009 met the stringent criteria established by the Health Department for the Silver Platter Award. To receive an award, establishments must comply with the Washington State Retail Food Code and consistently achieve excellent scores during food safety inspections conducted throughout the year.

Food safety is a very important public health issue. The Washington State Department of Health estimates that there may be as many as 1.5 million acute food-borne illnesses in Washington each year. Whatcom County's Silver Platter Award recipients have made a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community. **The 2009 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

Acme Café	El Rinconcito 2	Muddy Waters, Inc
Arby's Restaurant—Samish Way	Enjoy Sushi & Teriyaki	Mugshots
Barnes and Noble Booksellers	Fiamma Burger	Oyiso
Bay Café at Birch Bay	Gigi's Café & Pastries	Papa Murphy's – Ferndale
Beaver Inn	Grace Café	Papa Murphy's – James
Bellingham Senior Center	Haggen – Meridian – Deli	Peace Arch BBQ
Camp Black Mountain	Il Caffe Rifugio	Pioneer Catering – NVHS
Camp Firwood	India Grill Restaurant	Pizzazza
Camp Horizon	Jack in the Box – Birch Bay	Rhodes Café
Cancun Mexican Restaurant	Jack in the Box – Sunset	Robek's Fruit Smoothie
Chubby's Diner	K-Mart Snack Bar	Robek's Fruit Smoothie & Healthy Eats
Ciao Thyme	La Fiamma – Commissary	Rustic Coffee Bar
Cost Cutter – Blaine – Deli	Little Caesar's – Ferndale	Seven Loaves Pizzeria
Cost Cutter – Ferndale – Deli	Little Caesar's – Lakeway	Sudden Valley Coffee Shop
Cost Cutter – Sunset – Deli	Main Street Bar & Grill	Taco Bell – Sunset
Costco Wholesale #19 – Pizza / Food Ct	Mallard Ice Cream	Taco Lobo
Curry House	McDonald's – Ferndale	Torre Caffè
Diablo Dining Hall – Cookhouse	McDonalds – Samish Way	WCC – Cafeteria
Eagle's Roost – Pt Roberts Golf Club	McDonalds – Telegraph	Web Locker

The public should look for these awards posted in the dining establishments of local award recipients. Questions regarding the Silver Platter Award may be directed to our Food Safety Program at (360) 676-6724.