



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:**

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| 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 Caffe |
| 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.