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Local Restaurants Receive “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award

Bellingham. The Whatcom County Health Department is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Silver Platter Award** for 2013. The award recognizes excellence in safe food handling and is given to dining establishments that achieve outstanding scores during routine food safety inspections throughout the year.

“These operators demonstrate a commitment to food safety in their restaurants every day,” stated Regina Delahunt, Public Health Director. “We are pleased that so many have made food safety a top priority in their establishments.”

Less than five percent of the food establishments inspected in 2013 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.

Food safety is an important public health issue. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that up to 45 million people are affected by food-borne illness each year in the United States. Whatcom County’s Silver Platter Award recipients have made a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community.

The 2013 Silver Platter Award recipients are:

Anthony's Hearth Fire Grill	Haggen - Sehome - Deli	Shell - Ferndale
Birch Bay Pizza	Hissho Sushi - 36th	Starbucks - Meridian
Brandywine Kitchen	Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches	Starbucks Coffee - Bakerview
C Shop	Little Caesar's - Lakeway	Starbucks Coffee - Lynden
Caffe Adagio, LLC	Little Caesar's - Northwest	Subway - Bakerview
California Tacos / Fresh Juices	Maggie's Pub	Subway - Third Avenue
Cancun Mexican Restaurant	Master's Blend Coffee House	Taco Bell - Stuart Rd
Cruisin Coffee - Kok	Meadow Greens	Taqueria Tecalittan
Diamond Jim's Grill	Morrie's Drive-In	Twentieth Century Bowling
Eagle's Roost - Pt Roberts G&C	Muddy Waters, Inc.	WWU - Miller Market
El Albanil	Nooksack Indian Youth Program	WWU - Underground Coffee House
El Caporal	Onionhead Corner Market	WWU - Viking Union - Catering
Fiamma Burger	Sammy's Place	WWU - Zoe's Bookside Bagels
Good To Go	Seabreeze Coffee House	
Great Harvest Bread Co		

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.