



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 2011. 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.

Only about 5% percent of the dining establishments inspected in 2011 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 must consistently achieve excellent scores during food safety inspections conducted throughout the year.

Food safety is an important public health issue. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that one out of every seven people in the United States are affected by food-borne illness each year. Whatcom County's Silver Platter Award recipients have made commitment to safe food handling. By doing so they make a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community. **The 2011 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

Bayview Bistro	Fred Meyer - Deli - Bakerview	Parkway Chateau
Blaine Senior Center	Gigi's Café & Pastries	Pizzazza
Chihuahua Mobile Unit	Haggen - Barkley - Deli	Poppy's
Cost Cutter - Ferndale - Deli	Inn @ Semiahmoo - Employee Kitchen	Ralf's Pretzel Bakery
Costco Wholesale #19 - Rotisserie	Jalapenos - Harris	Red Robin
Curry House	Kowloon Inn	Rhodes Café
D'Anna's Café Italiano	La Fiamma Commissary Kitchen	Rocket Donuts
Diablo Dining Hall - Cookhouse	Little Caesar's - Birch Bay	Shorty's Coffee shop
Diego's	Little Red Caboose	Soy House
Dutch Treat Restaurant	Meadow Greens	Taco Bell - Stuart
Fairhaven Fish & Chips	Milt's Pizza	Taco Time - Byron
Fairhaven Pizza & Prawns	Mountain Man Espresso	Westside Pizza

Restaurant patrons should look for these awards posted in their favorite dining establishments. Questions regarding the Silver Platter Award may be directed to our Food Safety Program at (360) 676-6724.