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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 2012. 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.

“This award recognizes the work of food business operators who 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.”

Approximately five percent of the food establishments inspected in 2012 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 2012 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

AB Crepes  
Bellingham Senior Center  
Blue Horse Gallery and Cafe  
Brewed Awakening  
Burger King Telegraph Road  
Camp Black Mountain  
Camp Horizon  
Camp Lutherwood  
Costco Wholesale - Rotisserie  
Crazy Bob's Pizza  
El Albanil  
Elizabeth Station  
Fairhaven Fish & Chips

Fairhaven Pizza & Prawns  
Gigi's Cafe & Pastries  
Grant's Burgers - Lynden  
Haggen - Barkley - Deli  
Halibut Henry's  
Jalapenos - W Holly  
La Fiamma - Commissary  
Little Caesar's - Birch Bay  
McDonald's - Bakerview  
Milt's Pizza  
Mountain Man Espresso & Deli  
Papa Murphy's - James St  
Pizza Hut / Pasta Bravo

Pizzazza  
Ralf's Pretzel Bakery  
Roll'N Smoke BBQ  
Sirena Gelato - Harris  
Spirit of Lynden  
Subway - Bellis Fair  
Subway - Custer  
Taco Bell - Stuart Rd  
Taco Time - Byron  
Web Locker Restaurant

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.