



Local Restaurants Receive “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award

The Whatcom County Health Department has announced the recipients of the first annual Silver Platter Award. The award recognizes excellence in food safety and is given to dining establishments that achieve outstanding scores during food safety inspections throughout the year.

“We want to acknowledge the efforts of operators who demonstrate a commitment to food safety in their restaurants,” stated Regina Delahunt, Public Health Director. “While many restaurant owners work very hard to meet food safety standards, the Silver Platter Award gives public recognition to dining establishments who have achieved the very highest standards.”

Less than 10 percent of the dining establishments inspected last year met the stringent criteria established by the Health Department for the Silver Platter Award. To receive an award, establishments must comply with the new Washington State Retail Food Code and consistently achieve near perfect 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 annually in the state. Whatcom County’s Silver Platter Award recipients have made a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community.

The 2007 Silver Platter Award recipients are:

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| Acme Café, Inc. | Little Caesar’s – 1070 Lakeway Dr. | Sirena Gelato – 960 Harris Ave. |
| Burger King – 201 Telegraph Road | Little Caesar’s – 3210 Northwest | Speak E-Z |
| Camp Firwood | Lynden Dutch Bakery | Subway – 1306 E Lakeway Dr. |
| Camp Horizon | Milt’s Pizza | Subway – 8176 Guide Meridian |
| Camp Lutherwood | Morrie’s Drive-In | Taco Bell – 100 E Stuart Road |
| Chocolate Necessities | Old Town Café | Taco Bell – 1185 E Sunset Road |
| Denny’s – 161 Telegraph Road | Papa Murphy’s – Ferndale | Taco Time – Bellis Fair |
| Dream Dinners | Pizzazza | Teriyaki Bar |
| Easy Entrée | Prospect Street Café | Tino’s Pizza & Pasta |
| El Rinconcito 2 | Quizno’s – 102 Samish Way | Wheel House Tavern |
| Espinoza’s | Quizno’s – 1873 Main Street | WWU – Arntzen’s Atrium |
| Gigi’s Café & Pastries | | WWU – Rock’s Edge |

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