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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 2014. 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 acknowledges the effort 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 made food safety a top priority.”

Only about 3.4 percent of the dining establishments licensed in 2014 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 an important public health issue. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that one out of every six people in the United States are affected by food-borne illness 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 2014 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

Abbey Garden Tea	Good to Go	Mountain Man Espresso & Deli
Border Brew	Great Harvest Bread Co	Nooksack Indian - Youth Program
Caffe Adagio	Haggen - Barkley - Deli	Portal Way Station
Camp Firwood - Dining	Haggen - Ferndale - Deli	Seven Eleven - Lakeway
Cicchitti's Slices to Fly - Mobile	Haggen - Sehome - Catering	Subway - Lakeway
Coconut Grove Bar & Grill	Haggen - Sehome - Deli	Subway - Sunset
Coffee Junction	Halibut Henry's	Taco Bell - Stuart
Cruisin Coffee - Kok	JT's Smokin BBQ - Mobile	Taco Time - Byron
Cruisin Coffee - Lakeway	Leaf & Ladle	Target - Café
Deli'cious Mischief - Mobile	Master's Blend Coffee	Two Sister's Koffie
Diego's Catering Truck - Mobile	McDonald's- Bellis Fair	WCC - Cafeteria
Fiamma Burger	Meadow Greens	Westside Pizza - Cordata
Goat Mountain Pizza - Mobile	Morrie's Drive-In	WWU - Buchanan Towers

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.