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Health Department Announces “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award Recipients

BELLINGHAM—The Whatcom County Health Department is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Silver Platter Award** for 2015. 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 2.4 percent of the dining establishments licensed in 2015 met the stringent criteria set 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.

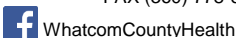
Food safety is an important public health issue. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that one out of every six people in the United States are affected by food-borne illness each year. Whatcom County’s Silver Platter Award recipients have made a valuable contribution to the prevention of food-borne illness in our community. **The 2015 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

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| AFC Sushi @ Fred Meyers Lakeway | Jalapenos - Harris | Red Robin |
| Bellewood Acres, Inc. | Jalapenos - W Holly | Safeway - Lynden - Oriental |
| Bob's Burger & Brew – Sumas | JT's Smokin BBQ - Mobile | Seven Eleven - Alabama |
| Burger King #11055 – Lynden | Meadow Greens | Seven Eleven - Northwest |
| Coffee Junction | Mount Bakery | Starvin' Sam's - Nooksack |
| Costco #19 - Pizza Shop/Food Ct | Mt Baker - Raven's Hut | Subway - Sunset |
| Dairy Queen – Ferndale | Mt Baker - White Salmon Day Lodge | Subway – Guide - Bellingham |
| Dairy Queen – Iowa | Newhalem General Store | Tacos El Mexicano - Mobile |
| Edaleen Dairy – Grover St - Lynden | Papa Murphy's – Guide – Lynden | Tacos El Tule - Mobile |
| El Albanil | QQ Li (Chinese Food) – WWU | WWU – The Haven |
| Grants Burgers - Mobile | Ralf's Pretzel Bakery | |

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) 778-6000.

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