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### **Health Department Announces “Silver Platter” Food Safety Award Recipients**

**BELLINGHAM, WA**—In celebration of Food Safety Month this September, the Whatcom County Health Department is pleased to announce the recipients of the Silver Platter Award for 2016. The award is given to dining establishments that achieve outstanding scores during routine food safety inspections throughout the year.

“Silver Platter Awards acknowledge the excellence of food service operators in their commitment to food safety in their restaurants,” says Regina Delahunt, Health Department Director. “We want to congratulate these establishments for their accomplishment, and thank them for making food safety a priority.”

Only about 3.5% of the dining establishments licensed in 2016 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 the highest scores during food safety inspections conducted throughout the year.

Food safety is an important public health issue. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that one out of every six people in the United States is 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 2016 Silver Platter Award recipients are:**

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| 19th Hole Café             | Cruisin Coffee - Kok Rd       | JT's Smokin BBQ              | Pt Roberts Marketplace - Deli |
| AB Crepes                  | Dairy Queen - Iowa            | Jun's Sushi & Bento          | QQ Li (Chinese Food)          |
| Abbey Garden Tea Room      | Dairy Queen - Lynden          | Little Caesars - Everson     | Rickshaw Express              |
| Avenue Bread & Café - 11th | Domino's Pizza - Ferndale     | Maggie's Pub                 | Sehome Diner                  |
| Barb's Pies & Pastries     | Edaleen Dairy - Grover        | Meadow Greens                | Starvin Sam's III - Nooksack  |
| Barnes & Noble Booksellers | El Albanil                    | Mount Bakery                 | Subway - Bakerview            |
| Burger King - Telegraph    | Eve-N-Annie's American Bistro | Mountain Man Espresso & Deli | Subway - Peace Portal         |
| Caffe Adagio               | Fiamma Burger                 | Mt Baker - Heather Meadows   | Taco Bell - Stuart Rd         |
| Chau - Time                | Firehouse Café                | Mt Baker - Raven's Hut       | Tacos El Tule - Mobile        |
| Cherry Street Market       | Gandolfo's New York Deli      | Mt Baker - White Salmon      | Tasca del Tinto               |
| Coconut Grove Bar & Grill  | Goat Mountain Pizza           | Newhalem General Store       | Two Sister's Koffie           |
| Costco - Food Court        | Goat Mountain Pizza - Mobile  | Papa Murphy's - Ferndale     | Whole Food - Pizza            |
| Costco - Rotisserie        | Good to Go - Everson          | Park Manor Shell Food Mart   | WWU - Arntzen - Subway        |
| Cruisin Coffee - Bakerview | Infusion Cuisine              | Pel'meni Restaurant          | WWU - Arntzen - Topios        |

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 WCHD’s Food Safety Program at (360) 778-6000.

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