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24 CARROT GOLD FOOD SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS
RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING STEWARDSHIP, SANITATION

St. Charles County, Missouri – Concerns about food safety and harmful products have increased with illness reports from food service establishments becoming more prevalent every year in the United States. To recognize the importance that St. Charles County establishments place on their food safety, sanitation and employee education, the Division of Environmental Health and Protection began presenting its *24 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Awards* in 2007.

This week, the division recognized its *24 Carrot Gold Award* winners for 2015, including:

- **BIKE STOP CAFÉ** – 701 Riverside Drive, St. Charles
- **MATTINGLY’S SPORTS BAR & GRILL** – 3434 Harry S Truman Boulevard, St. Charles
- **THE FAMILY ARENA** – 2002 Arena Parkway, St. Charles
- **TWIN OAKS ESTATE** – 707 Emge Road, O’Fallon
- **WENDY’S** – 1390 Mexico Loop Road East, O’Fallon

To view the entire list of award winners since 2007, please visit <http://www.sccmo.org/790/24-Carrot>.

“We instituted the *24 Carrot Gold Awards* program to recognize that food service facilities in St. Charles County place a high importance on consumer health and safety,” said **Ryan Tilley**, division director. “While all permitted establishments in our community meet necessary requirements, our award winners are commended for their efforts to exceed the standard. It’s extremely encouraging that our establishments — regardless if they’re family-owned, an international chain, or non-traditional food providers — place such a high commodity on stewardship and the well-being of the customers they serve.”

The Division of Environmental Health and Protection is responsible for the regular inspection of permanent, mobile and temporary food service establishments within St. Charles County, except those operating within the city limits of St. Peters (whose health department permits and inspects its own establishments). To help customers discover establishments’ food service ratings, the department displays the “Know the Score” report on its website, <http://www.sccmo.org/413/Restaurant-Reports>, and requires establishments to post their most recent inspections in a prominent location as a part of the Food Code.

Throughout the year, the Division of Environmental Health and Protection works with area businesses and organizations to promote healthy conditions in our community. To learn how the division helps to ensure public safety, please call (636) 949-1800 or visit <http://www.sccmo.org/760/Environmental-Division>.

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