



## NEWS RELEASE

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

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – To recognize the importance that St. Charles County establishments place on 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.

The division congratulates its *24 Carrot Gold Award* winners for 2016:

- **FAIRWINDS RIVER'S EDGE** – 600 River's Edge Drive, St. Charles
- **PERSIMMON WOODS GOLF CLUB** – 6401 Weldon Spring Road, Weldon Spring
- **PRASINO** – 1520 South Fifth Street, St. Charles
- **SUGARFIRE SMOKE HOUSE** – 9955 Winghaven Boulevard, O'Fallon
- **SAKURA HIBACHI & SUSHI** – 1119 West Pearce, Wentzville

To view a list of all *24 Carrot Gold Award* winners since 2007, please visit <http://www.sccmo.org/24Carrot>.

Staff from the Division of Environmental Health and Protection regularly inspects permanent, mobile and temporary food service establishments within St. Charles County, except those operating within the city limits of St. Peters (the city health department permits and inspects its own establishments). Inspections are based upon a starting score of 100, with points deducted for various items reported to be in need of correction. To help customers know the food service rating of an establishment, the department requires posting of the most recent inspection in a prominent location as a part of the Food Code.

To be eligible for *24 Carrot Gold Award* consideration, a facility must possess a valid St. Charles County Food Establishment permit and be in good standing with the Department of Public Health. Winners cannot have critical inspection violations within the previous year and have more than six non-critical violations over the same period. In addition, a food safety certification class must be completed by at least 90 percent of the facility's food managers.

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/environmental>.

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**Staff from Fairwinds - River's Edge**



**Staff from Sugarfire Smoke House**



**Staff from Prasino - St. Charles**

**Staff from Persimmon Woods Golf Club**