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## ST. CHARLES COUNTY HONORS SEVEN EATERIES FOR FOOD SAFETY EXCELLENCE

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Recognizing outstanding efforts for food safety, sanitation and employee education by St. Charles County-licensed food providers, the Division of Environmental Health and Protection presents annual *24 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Awards*. The division honors the following seven establishments for 2018:

- **CULVER'S OF ST. CHARLES** – 2750 Muegge Road, St. Charles
- **CULVER'S OF WENTZVILLE** – 1898 Wentzville Parkway, Wentzville
- **HATTRICKS IRISH SPORTS PUB** – 840 Bryan Road, O'Fallon
- **KIDDIE ACADEMY OF O'FALLON** – 4088 Winghaven Boulevard, O'Fallon
- **PLANK ROAD PIZZA** – 5212 Highway N, Cottleville
- **STL CAKE POPS** – 198 Tecumseh, St. Charles
- **TWIN OAKS SENIOR LIVING** – 707 Emge Road, O'Fallon

“St. Charles County holds food safety at the highest priority,” Division of Environmental Health and Protection Director Ryan Tilley says. “With the help of our committed licensed facilities and our dedicated inspection team, we are able to maintain these high standards. Recipients of our 24 Carrot Gold Awards are the best-of-the-best when it comes to demonstrating this responsibility.”

The *24 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Awards* were established in 2007. While all of the more than 1,300 licensed establishments within the county place importance on food safety to protect the customers they serve, the winning establishments exceed Food Code standards. To be eligible for nomination, 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 or have more than six non-critical violations over the same period — a remarkable accomplishment considering that inspections occur with no advanced notice for the establishments. In addition, a food safety certification class must be completed by at least 90 percent of the facility's managers.

Funded through the County's revenue and license fee collections, the division's six Environmental Public Health specialists conduct regular inspections of permanent, mobile and temporary food service establishments within St. Charles County, with the exception of those operating within the city limits of St. Peters, whose health department permits and inspects its own establishments. Inspections are based on a starting score of 100, with points deducted for various violations requiring correction. To help customers discover establishments' food service ratings, the department displays inspection information on its website, <https://www.sccmo.org/EnvironmentalReports>, and requires establishments to post their most recent inspections in a prominent location inside the facility as a part of the Food Code.

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### **About the St. Charles County Division of Environmental Health and Protection**

*The Division of Environmental Health and Protection works with residents, area businesses and local organizations to promote healthy conditions in St. Charles County. Operating through a budget supported by the County General Operating Fund, fee collections and performance grants, division staff conducted more than 3,000 facility inspections, collected more than 1.4 million pounds of recyclable material and provided mosquito control treatment across the county to prevent the spread of disease last year. To learn how the division helps to ensure the community's well-being please call 636-949-1800 or visit <https://www.sccmo.org/environmental>.*

### **About the St. Charles County Department of Public Health**

*Through the efforts of its three divisions — Environmental Health and Protection, Health Services and Humane Services — the St. Charles County Department of Public Health provides a wide range of services that enhance the well-being of the community. To learn how the department assists this region or to find out about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, visit [www.sccmo.org/PublicHealth](http://www.sccmo.org/PublicHealth) or call 636-949-7400.*

### **About St. Charles County**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks, encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 395,504, St. Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County employs more than 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).*