

# Farm forum to focus on innovation

Innovation in agriculture will be the focus of the third-annual Halton Region Agricultural Forum on Thursday, Jan. 29 in Milton.

The free event, which will be held at Country Heritage Park in the Niagara Room, will zero in on some of the newest innovations in the farming and agricultural industries that are available to farmers, food processors, other agri-product processors and related associations and organizations. It will run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"Preserving our active and vibrant farming community continues to be a top priority for regional council," said Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"The annual Agricultural Forum not only provides members of the agricultural community with an opportunity to network with peers, but it also gives them the chance to discuss emerging topics and issues that are relevant to their businesses."

The lineup for this year's session includes four keynote speakers. 'What's Growin On at the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre' will be presented by the centre's research director, Michael Brownbridge

Mark Hayhoe, owner of K2Milling in Tottenham and Kevin Stemmler, co-owner of Stemmler Meats and Cheese, Heidelberg, will discuss 'Developing Niche Markets'

'Government Funding: Cash Flow Planning Options to Innovation and Accelerate Growth' will be the topic of Alex Barlow, business development executive, Mentor Works, Cambridge.

To register or learn more, go to [www.halton.ca/farm](http://www.halton.ca/farm), dial 311, or call Anna DeMarchi-Meyers at (905) 825-6000, ext. 7574.



**DEMOLITION BEGINS:** Demolition of the former Holy Cross church on Maple Ave. is under way to make way for a proposed 120-unit retirement residence. Rockport Group has filed an application with the Town seeking Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments to allow for the six-storey building. A public meeting on the application is set for Monday (Jan. 26) 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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