

# “HOP” INTO WHAT’S NEW AROUND KALAMAZOO: 2016 SUMMER AG TOUR

## Wednesday, July 27th

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Have you ever wondered what it takes to craft some of the local Michigan beers that are nationally consumed, or how to simply start your own small hop yard for a home brewing adventure? Are you in the business of growing produce to sell at local farmer’s markets, but always seem to end up with extra produce at the end of the day, searching for an alternative to composting unsold fruits and veggies? Do you farm and want to protect your soil and groundwater for future generations? If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 27th!

### **WHEN**

Please join the Kalamazoo Conservation District and Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau on Wed., July 27th for an afternoon tour of fun and educational destinations. The event starts at 1:00 pm.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

There is a non-refundable commitment fee of \$10 required to hold your spot. The commitment fee money will be donated to Loaves and Fishes.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

You must pre-register by mailing a check for the \$10 commitment fee for each attendee to Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau, 5950 Portage Rd., Suite A, Portage, MI 49002. Or call Lisa Robb at (269) 342-0212 to make other arrangements. Payments must be received by July 20th.

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PARTICIPANTS  
SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

### **QUESTIONS?**

Call Lisa Robb at 269-342-0212 or the Kalamazoo Conservation District at 269-382-5121 Ext. 5

### **SCHEDULE**

1:00pm ..... Register and Tour KVCC Food Innovation Center  
1:45pm ..... Bus ride to KVCC Culinary Arts Building  
2:00pm ..... Tour KVCC Culinary Arts Facility and Brewery  
3:00pm ..... Bus ride to Hop Head Farms  
3:30pm ..... Tour of Hop Head Farms–Bonnie and Jeff Steinman  
4:30pm ..... Bus ride to Bell’s Comstock Facility  
5:00pm ..... Bell’s Hop Yard tour and beer tasting at Bell’s Comstock Facility  
6:15pm ..... Bus ride back to KVCC Food Innovation Facility

Our tour will start at the new Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) Food Innovation Center. This site has a demonstration urban farm and hosts a food hub for aggregating foods from local farms to supply area hospitals, schools, and other institutions. Our second stop will be KVCC’s Culinary/Allied Healthy Building where you will have the opportunity to tour the culinary theater, community education kitchen, culinary labs, and brew house. Learn about the nation’s first Sustainable Brewery Certification program. Our third stop will be Hop Heads Farms LLC located in Hickory Corners. Hop Head Farm is a Midwest grower, processor, and marketer of high quality aroma and traditional hop varieties. We’ll tour the processing facility and hop yard. Our final stop will be at Bell’s Brewery in Comstock. We’ll walk through the hop yard and then enjoy a tour and tasting of the brewery.

Speakers will include: Staff of KVCC, Jeff Steinman of Hop Head Farms LLC, Josh Appleby, MDARD, Emily Reinart, Farm Bureau, Jake Grevenstuk, Bell’s Land Stewardship, and more!

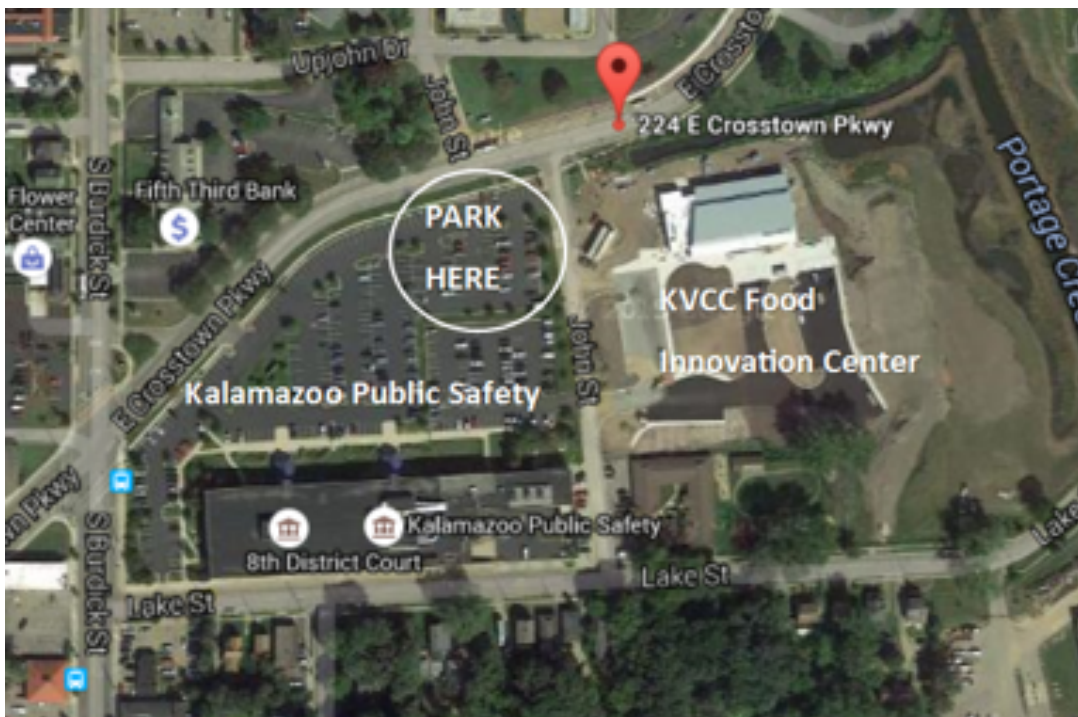


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### **WHERE TO PARK**

We will start our tour at the new KVCC Food Innovation Center located at 224 E. Crosstown Parkway. You will park in the adjacent lot on John St. at the Kalamazoo Public Safety Building (look for the bus and signs).

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Dress for the weather and wear a comfortable pair of walking shoes. Snacks will be provided throughout the afternoon.