



## Lt. Governor Mary Fallin To Talk about Importance of Recreation, Tourism & Economic Development at Save Our Water Meeting May 11th

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*(Eufaula)* Lt. Governor Mary Fallin will be the guest speaker at the Save Our Water meeting on **Thursday, May 11th at 7 p.m. at the Eufaula High School**, First and Woodland, Eufaula. She will be talking about the importance of recreation, tourism and economic development for Lake Eufaula. She will also address the recent legislative actions to protect the lake.

Mary Fallin was elected the state's first woman lieutenant governor in 1994. During the past 11 years, she has pursued an aggressive agenda focusing on economic development, education, health care and government reform.

As lieutenant governor, Fallin serves as the president of the Senate as well as on 10 boards and commissions that impact the quality of life and business in Oklahoma, including the Tourism and Recreation Commission, State Board of Equalization, Oklahoma Land Commission and the Film Advisory Commission.

On the national level, Fallin serves as the Honorary Chair of the Energy Advocates as well as former National Chair of the Aerospace States Association and has served as Chair of both the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association and the National Lieutenant Governors Association.

For her service, Fallin has been honored with many awards including Women in Communication's Woman in the News Award, induction into the Oklahoma Woman's Hall of Fame, the National Federation of Independent Business' Small Business Advocate Award, nominated for the Woman of the Year, awarded the Clarence E. Paige Award/Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame, Education Advocate of the Year, and the 1998 Woman of the Year in Government by the Redlands Council of the Girls Scouts. In addition, as a state representative she was named 1993 Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council. She is a two-time honoree of The Journal Record's 50 Making a Difference.

Fallin has served on the boards of the United Way of Oklahoma City and YWCA. After the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995, Fallin lead the efforts to raise money to rebuild the YMCA Daycare Development Center in downtown Oklahoma City. She has also served as honorary chair of the Organ Donor Sharing Network and as co-chair of the Festival of Hope, an event organized to promote mental health and wellness.

SOW will also give an update of their progress since the last meeting. The meeting is open to the public and SOW is encouraging all interested persons to attend.

The Save Our Water Lake Eufaula Citizens Group is a group of community leaders, business owners, lake area and Oklahoma residents and concerned citizens who have come together to work to protect their water interests in Lake Eufaula.

**For more information, go to [www.saveourwaterlakeeufaula.com](http://www.saveourwaterlakeeufaula.com) or call 918-452-3184.**