AGENDA

FAIRFAX FORWARD SUMMIT

A Community Collaboration Summit

Theme: **Planning Our Next 50 Years**

Bringing Osage County's towns, state agencies and partners together to turn empty buildings, open land and new ideas into a lasting plan for growth.

DATE
Thursday, Nov 19, 2026
Doors open 8:00 AM

TIME
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Program 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

LOCATION
The HUB
245 N Main Street, Fairfax, OK

SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	NOTES
8:00 AM	**Doors Open: Registration & Check-In**	Coffee & light refreshments; Zeffy check-in table
9:00 – 9:10	**Opening: Welcome, Opening Remarks & Introductions**	Friends of Fairfax, Inc. Board of Directors: Jerry Butterball, Boa Cox, Francis Williams; and the Fairfax City Council
9:10 – 9:20	**General Introductions**	Audience
9:20 – 9:30	**Setting the Stage** ▸ *History of Friends of Fairfax*	Kay Bills. A brief description of how Friends of Fairfax was formed and our vision.
9:30 – 10:00	HIGHLIGHT **Keynote Address: Karl Burkhardt** ▸ *A small-town administrator sharing what works*	Karl Burkhardt, City Administrator, Town of Stonewall, and Towns East Seat on the Oklahoma Municipal League Board. Proven strategies for community growth from a fellow small-town leader.
10:00 AM	**Break**	
10:15 – 12:00	**State Agency Updates & Expert Speaker Sessions** ▸ *Economic development • Community leadership • Downtown & neighborhood revitalization* ▸ *Resources & guidance for local initiatives. State and other resources will share how their agencies can help our communities plan for the next 50 years.*	▸ Brownfield ideas ▸ How to dispose of derelict properties ▸ What other communities have found works ▸ Financing new homes
12:00 PM	**Lunch**	Free, served on site; networking
12:45 PM	HIGHLIGHT **Special Feature: OSU Mixed Reality Lab Presentation**	Community preview of the 3D scans of the Masonic Building, the Methodist Church and Main Street. OSU PETE program collaboration

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1:30 – 2:00	HIGHLIGHT **OSU Rural Renewal Initiative Scholars Program** ▸ *Two OSU summer scholars will work in our community for 10 weeks, May–July 2027* ▸ *Community garden feasibility study: food sovereignty, food safety and diabetes* ▸ *How towns can host scholars and shape the research*	Introducing the strategic planning with OSU and the Rural Renewal Initiative. A chance for towns across Osage County to learn how to take part. Planned to expand across Fairfax, Hominy and Barnsdall, including Barnsdall's post-tornado recovery community.
2:00 – 3:00	**Round Robin Discussion** ▸ *Determine next steps and gather ideas from the community* ▸ *Recap of commitments; timeline for actions*	Each stakeholder organization names a next step toward the Economic Development Plan; Wellness Center (Project 2027) working-group sign-up
3:00 – 4:00	HIGHLIGHT **Optional: Private Meetings with Agencies & Presenters**	Ask questions and learn more about how they can help your community. Agencies and audience. You can make an appointment online.
4:00 PM	**Adjournment** ▸ *Please leave your surveys and comments*	Surveys and contact information sheets

REGISTRATION

Free to attend, lunch included at no charge.

Registration required by Nov 16 so we have an accurate lunch count. Scan the code to register on Zeffy.

Doors open at 8:00 AM.

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