

Fairfield County Preservation Network

What is the Fairfield County Preservation Network?

The Network is a new county-wide resource - a forum and support system to empower and connect organizations, professionals and individuals who are dedicated to preserving the historic character of our region. The Network is an informal group in a formative stage, made possible through the support of the **Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County (CAFC)**.

By design, the Network is NOT a formal organization with a board, bylaws or staff. The Network benefits greatly from the steady, ongoing support of a professional, staffed 501c3 while not shouldering the heavy burden of founding and running such an organization.

Through group meetings held approximately 3 times per year and an ongoing listserv, the Network will enable members to meet, exchange ideas, seek and offer help, share information, discuss challenges and successes, and create opportunities for joint advocacy.

At the most basic and critical level, the CAFC provides organizational expertise, office resources and staff time to help the Network's steering committee plan and conduct Network meetings, and create and maintain the Network's database of names and files.

While this particular effort began in 2013 when two local preservationists approached CAFC with the idea for this network, the desire for such a group is decades old, at least. In the 1990s an informal roundtable group met for a number of years and in the early 2000s there was a broad-based effort to form a new, staffed 501c3, which ultimately proved overly ambitious.

The primary objective of the Network's structure is to create a robust, valuable, resource for Fairfield County preservationists that is ongoing and cost-effective. The goal is to cover all or at least most of its costs through modest membership fees paid to the Alliance. We acknowledge the support of The Jeniam Foundation to assist with the start-up of the network.

The Network will ultimately reflect the needs, interests and energies of its members. The Network's Steering committee welcomes your help, thoughts, suggestions and participation as the Network takes shape.

The Network's Steering Committee currently consists of: Norwalk Preservation Trust President, **Tod Bryant**; board member and past director of the Merritt Parkway Conservancy, **Laurie Heiss**; Rowayton Historical Society board member, **Lesley Korzennik**; CAFC board member, **Bill Kraus**; and vice president of *Historical Perspectives* and president of Preserve New Fairfield, **Faline Schneiderman**. If you have any questions, please contact: david@culturalalliancefc.org.

Fairfield County Preservation Network Sign Up

Individuals **and** organizations can join. Key features are: a listserv for communicating quickly to all members, and 2-3 County-wide meetings a year.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER

Annual Budget Size	Annual Dues
Less than \$50,000	\$50
\$50,000 and over	\$75

For each \$25 in dues, an organization can nominate 1 person to attend meetings and join the listserv. (Thus for \$75, you can nominate three participants).

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

	Annual Dues
Individual Rate	\$35

Currently, please make payment to the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County (CAFC). You can pay with a check, or with a credit card or PayPal at <http://www.fcbuzz.org/become-a-member>.

DONATION

If they can afford it, we are asking members to make an additional donation to assist the Preservation Network become a sustainable program. For organizations, each \$25 enables you to nominate another person to attend meetings and join the listserv.

YES, Sign me up with the Fairfield County Preservation Network as an: INDIVIDUAL
 ORGANIZATION

NAME.....

ORGANIZATION (or affiliation).....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....TOWN.....

I enclose a check for \$.....This includes a donation of \$

Mail a check to:

Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, Gate Lodge at Mathews Park, 301 West Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850