

Delaware Cemetery Board

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Acknowledgment

The Delaware Cemetery Board thanks former board members Bruce Ennis and Randy Roberts for their dedication and service. Thank you and best wishes, Bruce and Randy!

2021 Meetings

**April 14, May 5, August 18,
and October 13**

The public meetings will continue to be held virtually at 10:30 a.m. until further notice. Meeting reminders will be sent. For agendas and approved minutes, visit the State's Public Meeting Calendar: <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/>.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance application packages are due to Candace Casto two weeks before a scheduled meeting. Send completed applications to:

Delaware Cemetery Board
Division of Public Health
Health Statistics Center
Jesse Cooper Building
417 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901

Cemetery Registrations

Please update your cemetery registrations! Registration for all cemetery companies and owners is required every five years or upon change in ownership, per [Delaware Code, 29 Del. C., c. 7906A](#). Find registration, financial assistance forms, and guidelines at: <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/DECB.html>.

For more information

To be added to the contact list or have questions answered, email Candace Casto at candace.casto@delaware.gov or call her at 302-744-4763.

To help keep mailing costs down, ensure your current email address is on file. If you do not have an email address, we will continue to send information via U.S. mail.

Seven Distressed Cemeteries Receive Awards

In Fiscal Year 2020, the Delaware Cemetery Board awarded \$90,770.55 to seven cemeteries in accordance with [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A \(6\)](#). The funds were spent on tombstone repairs; tree removal, maintenance, and brush control; landscaping; installing, repairing, and repointing fences, stone walls, pathways and pipes; ground penetrating radar; and mole/grub control. Funding was provided to:

- African UME Church (Old Fort) Cemetery
- Banning's Cemetery
- Coolspring Presbyterian Church Cemetery
- Newark Union Cemetery
- Pigeon Run Cemetery
- Riverview Cemetery
- Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery

The Board encourages the owners or managers of distressed cemeteries to apply for funds. The cemetery must be registered before an application is accepted. As of June 30, 2020, there were 253 registered cemeteries. Please ensure that your cemetery's registration with the Delaware Cemetery Board is current per [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7906A](#).



Tree removal, tombstone and fence repairs, and stone pathways were completed at the African UME Church Cemetery (Old Fort) in Newark, Delaware. At left is the cemetery before repairs were made. At right is the cemetery after work was completed. *Photos by Dr. Carmen Jordan-Cox and Richard Lewis.*



Tombstones were repaired in the African UME Church Cemetery (Old Fort) in Newark, Delaware. At left is a photo of a distressed tombstone. At right is the same tombstone after repairs were made. *Photos by Dr. Carmen Jordan-Cox and Richard Lewis.*



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