

Delaware Cemetery Board

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2022 Meetings

- * The Board's 2022 meetings will be held on March 16, May 4, August 17, and October 12. Meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. and will continue to be held virtually with an anchor location. The agenda and approved minutes are posted on the State's Public Meeting Calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/>. Meeting reminders will be sent.

Financial assistance

- * Financial assistance application packages are due to Candace Casto two weeks before a scheduled meeting at: Delaware Cemetery Board
Division of Public Health
Health Statistics Center
Jesse Cooper Building
417 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901

Cemetery Registrations

- * Be sure to 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](#). Registration, financial assistance forms, and guidelines can be found at <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/DECB.html>.

Keep mailing costs down

- * To help keep mailing costs down, ensure your current email address is on file. To be added to the contact list, email candace.casto@delaware.gov or call 302-744-4763. If you do not have an email address, we will continue to send information via U.S. mail.

For more information

- * Contact the Cemetery Board at 302-744-4763 or email candace.casto@delaware.gov.

Distressed Cemetery Fund Awards

In Fiscal Year 2021, \$37,870 was awarded to the following three cemeteries in accordance with [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A \(6\)](#). The funds were spent on tombstone repairs, tree and brush removal and trimming, topsoil, and a fence installation.

Christiana Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Mt. Olive Cemetery
Union Wesley United Methodist Church Cemetery



Mt. Olive Cemetery, located at 4003 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, was established in 1862 and has several prominent African American Delawareans interred. Burials date prior to the Civil War. Above is the *before* photo of tree/brush removal and cleanup at Mt. Olive Cemetery. *Photo by William Jones.*



This is the *after* photo of tree/brush removal and cleanup at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Wilmington. *Photo by William Jones.*

Registration Reminder and Change in Legislation for Public Meetings

Ensure your cemetery's registration is current with the Delaware Cemetery Board per [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7906A](#). Cemeteries must be registered before an application for Distressed Cemetery Funds is accepted.

Effective June 30, 2021, Senate Bill 94 (as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1) was passed. The legislation allows any public body to hold a virtual meeting if there is a physical anchor location where the public can attend in person and the virtual meeting conforms to all requirements under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).



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