

Delaware Cemetery Board

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Acknowledgment

The Delaware Cemetery Board thanks former board member Isabel Rifenburg for her dedication and service in preserving history and improving conditions in Delaware cemeteries.

Thank you, Isabel!

2020 Meetings

* The 2020 public meetings will be held on **March 18, May 6, August 19, and October 14** at 10:30 a.m. at Delaware Public Archives, Delaware Room, 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. N, Dover, DE 19901. The agenda, time, location, and approved minutes are posted to the State's Public Meeting Calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/>. Meeting reminders will be sent.

* 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

* 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>.

* Questions or request to be added to the contact list? Email candace.casto@delaware.gov or call 302-744-4763.

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Ten Awards from Distressed Cemetery Fund

In Fiscal Year 2019, the 10 cemeteries listed below received awards from the Distressed Cemetery Fund in accordance with [16 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A \(6\)](#). The funds were spent on tombstone repairs, tree removal and shaping, driveway milling, ground penetrating radar, topsoil, fencing, mausoleum door and step railing, a sign, a lawnmower, and a chainsaw. The Board encourages the owners or managers of distressed cemeteries to apply for funds. The cemetery must be registered before an application is accepted.

Bryn Zion
Cedar Grove
Hartly United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church
Lombardy

Messick Family
Philemon Dill Family
Rogers
St. Paul's
Union Wesley United Methodist Church



Tombstone repair completed at Bryn Zion Cemetery, outside of Clayton.
Photos by Brian Jarrell.



Tree work completed at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Cemetery, Wilmington.
Photos by Betsy Christopher.

In Memory

The Board is sad to announce the passing of two founding members in the past two years, Edward Fielding and Cheryl Markiewicz. The Board is grateful for their dedication and work to preserve Delaware history.

