

Delaware Cemetery Board
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2023 Meetings

- * The 2023 Board meetings will be held on March 30, May 17, August 16, and October 18 at 10:30 a.m. The meetings will be virtual with an anchor location. The agenda and approved minutes will be posted on the State's Public Meeting Calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/>. Notices are sent one month before the scheduled meeting.

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 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](#). Fillable registration and financial assistance forms are found at <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/DECB.html>.

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 Delaware Cemetery Board at 302-744-4763 or email candace.casto@delaware.gov.

Distressed Cemetery Fund Awards

In Fiscal Year 2022, a total of \$72,270.00 was awarded to the six cemeteries listed below in accordance with [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7902A \(6\)](#). The funds were spent on repairs to tombstones, roads, stone walls, wooden fence, gates, tree trimming/pruning, brush removal, topsoil, and a fence installation.

Lombardy Cemetery
Mt. Salem Cemetery
Newark Union Cemetery

Ocean View Presbyterian Church Cemetery
St. John African Methodist Church Cemetery
Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery



Mt. Salem Cemetery, located between W. 17th and 19th Streets, Tower Rd., and Mt. Salem Lane, in Wilmington, was established in 1852. They received \$15,000 and the *before* and *after* photos above show a portion of the stone wall that was repaired. *Photo by Linda Umbreit.*



St. John African Methodist Church Cemetery, located at 386 S. Main Street, Newark, was established in 1848. The cemetery has had problems with vandalism over the years so funds were requested to help replace the damaged driveway and gates, paint a vandalized wooden fence, and remove trees and overgrowth on tombstones. They received \$15,000 and the *before* and *after* photos show the damaged gate that was repaired. *Photo by Pastor Blaine Hackett.*

Registration Reminder and Change in Legislation for Public Meetings

Cemeteries with expired registrations are moved to a suspended list after two notifications and are not in compliance with the law, [29 Del. C., c. 79A, § 7906A](#). Cemeteries must be registered before an application for Distressed Cemetery Funds is accepted.

House Substitute 1 for House Bill 293 was signed by the Governor on 10/26/2022 requiring public meetings to have a public comment period with certain limitations imposed.



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