

Delaware Cemetery Board

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Thank You!

The Delaware Cemetery Board would like to thank Edward Fielding, a founding member, for his dedication and service in preserving history and improving conditions in Delaware cemeteries. Mr. Fielding faithfully served on the board from 2009 through September 2017. Thank you, Ed!

Upcoming 2018 Meetings and Information

* Meetings will be held on:

March 7, 2018

May 9, 2018

August 8, 2018

October 10, 2018

* The public meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Delaware Public Archives, Delaware Room, 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. N, Dover, DE 19901.

* The agenda, time, and location will be announced on the State of Delaware's Public Meeting Calendar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/> and a reminder will also be sent. Approved minutes will also be posted.

* Financial assistance application packages may be submitted every 18 months and are due two weeks before a scheduled meeting to:

Delaware Cemetery Board
Division of Public Health
Health Statistics Center
Jesse Cooper Building
417 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901
candace.casto@state.de.us
302-744-4763

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Distressed Cemetery Fund Guidelines Revised

The Delaware Cemetery Board revised the [guidelines](#) this year for the Distressed Cemetery Fund by increasing the maximum award amount, lowering the match requirement, and reducing the waiting period between applications. The Board hopes to encourage those with distressed cemeteries to apply for funds. The cemetery must be registered before an application is accepted.

For complaints relative to cemeteries, contact the following organizations based on the type of complaint.

- Theft or vandalism: Call the local police department where the cemetery is located.
- City or county code violations: Call the city or county where the cemetery is located.
 - ◇ New Castle Code Enforcement, 302-395-5555
 - ◇ Kent Inspections and Enforcement, 302-744-2451
 - ◇ Sussex Code Enforcement, 302-855-7819
- Consumer Protection Unit, Department of Justice, 1-800-220-5424 or file online at attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/fraud/cpu/.

Registration Requirement

All Delaware cemeteries are required to register with the Division of Public Health (DPH) every five years or upon change in ownership, in accordance with Delaware Code, 29 Del. C., c. 7906A. The registration fee is \$10.00 and checks are payable to the State of Delaware. The form and payment should be sent to Candace Casto at the address listed to the left. Registration and financial assistance forms and the guidelines can be found at <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hp/DECB.html>.

Fiscal Year 2017 Distressed Cemetery Fund Awards

Fence erected in Union Wesley United Methodist Church Cemetery, Clarksville, DE.

Photos by Cheryl Miller and Terrance Walters.



BEFORE



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Tombstone repairs in Bryn Zion Cemetery, Kenton, DE. **Photos by June Jarrell.**



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