EXHIBIT "C"
DOCKET NO. 26-09-01
OCTOBER 2026

2025
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT



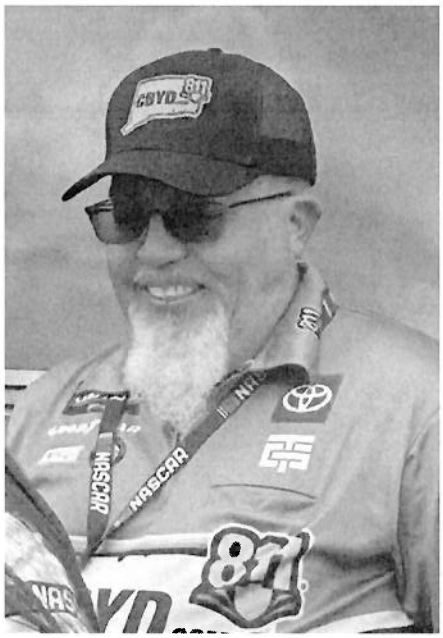
CBYD CENTER
416 HIGHLAND AVE, SUITE B1
CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT 06410

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG
FOR CONNECTICUT

811 or 1-800-922-4455

Including 24 Hour Emergency Coverage

CBYD 2025 Annual Report Dedication



Derek Brown

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2011 – 2025

Prior to Derek Brown's election to the Board of Directors, Call Before You Dig, Inc. had settled into a predictable rhythm of public outreach and advertising. With Derek's participation in that facet of CBYD's program, it developed into the most exciting aspect of the organization. Whether it was his increased involvement with excavator associations, introducing sponsorships in car racing, both locally and nationally, acquiring a dynamically decorated trailer for use at outdoor events, or any number of other innovations that he was responsible for, he truly "shook things up!" With his hands-on management style and energetic commitment to damage prevention, he quickly established himself as a Board leader and, whether serving in the capacity of Damage Prevention and Education Committee Chairperson, Vice President, Board Secretary, or Board President for two terms, Derek certainly made his mark!

This Annual Report is dedicated to Derek, whose contributions, dedication, and leadership, especially in the realm of Public Awareness and Education, have helped make Call Before You Dig the success that it is today. Derek, we wish you well in retirement!

CONNECTICUT
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, INC.

In 1967, four major utilities in Bridgeport, CT; Gas, Electric, Telephone and Water, joined in an effort to establish a "One Call Covers All" system, such as the one that was being used in Rochester, NY at that time.

The success of this effort was heard by and duplicated by other (separately owned) utilities in the New Haven and Hartford areas, giving Connecticut three toll-free numbers to call.

There was one utility, however, that was the same in all three areas, The Southern New England Telephone Company. In 1972, The Southern New England Telephone Company hosted an inter-utility statewide meeting, which was attended by 24 utilities. By the end of this meeting, a Statewide One Call System, to be known as the "Connecticut Underground Utility Protection Plan" - CUUPP, was in the planning stages. In April, 1974, the One Call service for Connecticut went into action, using a single toll-free phone number. Extensive publicity campaigns were launched to make this phone call to CUUPP a priority for excavators.

In 1977, the Connecticut legislature enacted Public Act 77-350 ruling that using the ***Call Before You Dig*** system was mandatory and that it would be supervised by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), formerly known as the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). PURA then adopted regulations detailing the obligations of contractors, utilities and the central clearinghouse to be operated by ***Call Before You Dig, Inc.***

A tragedy occurred, however, in the small town of Derby, CT. in December of 1985. An excavation incident resulted in a natural gas explosion that claimed the lives of several people in a local area restaurant. By October of 1988, State Lawmakers, in conjunction with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, developed and implemented new "***Call Before You Dig***" Regulations (Public Act 87-71) with upgraded enforcement authority for the PURA. The regulations put "teeth" into the existing law in an effort to reduce the number of underground utility damages, and most importantly, to ensure the safety of the general public whenever excavation, demolition or blasting is undertaken.

Today, the success of Connecticut's ***Call Before You Dig*** program has grown, and continues to grow to the extent that you will see as you read on through the following pages.....

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION	PAGE(S)
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	5
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	6 - 7
PURA MESSAGE	8
MANAGER'S MESSAGE	9
FINANCE REPORT	10 - 12
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	13
OPERATIONS REPORT	14 - 16
DAMAGE PREVENTION and EDUCATION PROGRAM	17 - 18
CEUCA REPORT	19
PROCLAMATION	20

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, in January 2026, I was elected to my second term as President of the CBYD Board of Directors (BOD). This year is my fourth year on the BOD representing Eversource Gas. Before transitioning to the energy industry, I retired after serving 25 years in Law Enforcement. The commonality between a Law Enforcement career and the role of a Board of Director member is found in the desire to contribute to the safety of others in our communities. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the Board of Directors with other dedicated volunteers from the utility industry with diverse backgrounds all working together to advance safe excavating practices. The CBYD Inc. organization is comprised of Board of Directors, Associate Board members, and other utility industry volunteers who share an unwavering commitment to execute our mission which is to PROVIDE COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION TO IMPROVE SAFETY WHEN EXCAVATING.

2025 brought with it many exciting new challenges and projects for the BOD. Every organization needs to evolve as time, demands, and circumstances change. The methods and strategies the BOD employs need to adapt to remain effective in delivering vital services the excavating community and public have come to expect from CBYD Inc. Some highlights from 2025:

- **Managing Director-** The BOD decided in 2025 we needed to add a Managing Director role to address increasing demand from the public and excavating community, expanded DP&E outreach, and growing BOD obligations. After extensive BOD research and negotiation with our partner Pelican Corporation, Pelican Corp. agreed to expand the role of our Call Center Manager, who as of 1/1/2026 became our Managing Director. The Managing Director has already become a valued, integral part of the extensive effort involved in moving our corporate office and Call Center.
- **Education Access** – The free online damage prevention training program is self-paced in a format that is easy to navigate, highly engaging, and information rich. In 2025, the BOD decided that the current CBYD Inc. headquarters and Call Center had become antiquated and acted to secure a new location for the facilities. Demand for training and public outreach, in addition to current online offerings, made the need for additional space necessary. A new CBYD Inc. headquarters and Call Center was secured that will include a training and resource center with the capacity to host seminars and educational sessions on site. This effort was spearheaded by the CBYD Inc. Operations Committee and overwhelmingly supported by our PURA regulators.
- **Scholastic Award Committee** – This subcommittee has continued to serve worthy high school students with scholastic awards. The program was expanded to include additional recipients in 2025. The collaboration with the Connecticut Technical HS Program is an initiative that allows the BOD to reach a younger audience and advance the mission with a demographic that may not have been reached by other more traditional means.
- **Board Member Emeritus** – This is a classification of Directors that no longer represents a CBYD member utility but acts in an honorary role. These members are essential to providing historical context and organizational continuity within the BOD. The BOD is an ever-changing group, and the steady hand of Board Member Emeritus members maintains the longstanding organizational core values and mission objectives.
- **Damage Prevention and Education** – 2025 was a huge year for the DP&E Committee. CBYD Inc. hosted or participated in over 30 events designed to provide folks with the opportunity to become aware of the mission of our organization. These outreach efforts require the coordination of many volunteers throughout the year, as well as ordering, maintaining, and distributing thousands of educational materials and promotional items. For example, CBYD Inc. has sponsored NASCAR races and teams, training and safety expos, local fairs, excavator educational sessions, and industry partner events. The commitment of the DP&E Committee to coordinate these activities has resulted in our message being received by tens of thousands of folks throughout Connecticut in 2025.

2026 brings new challenges and opportunities for CBYD. Thanks to the dedicated Board members, Emeritus members, Associate members, and our partner Pelican Corp., we will continue to succeed in championing the CBYD Inc. safe excavating mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Tralli

President CBYD, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2025

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... **Christopher Tralli**
Eversource Gas

V.P. - Administration ..... **Thomas Bashaw**
CBYD Emeritus

V.P. - Operations ..... **Michael Kinik**
Iroquois Gas Trans System

V.P. - Damage Prevention & Education ..... **Derek Brown**
Connecticut DOT

SECRETARY ..... **Terence Shea**
Crown Castle

ACTING TREASURER ..... **Robert Dobmeier**
CBYD Emeritus

ASSISTANT TREASURER ..... **James Tripp**
Frontier Communications

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tonya Buddie
United Illuminating - AVANGRID

Robert Reardon
Comcast

Aaron Gore
Regional Water Authority

Dave Poore
Norwich Public Utilities

Spencer Sprecker
Eversource Electric

Brad Franzese
Enbridge/Spectra Energy

Sebastian Olechowski
AVANGRID-CNG/SCG

Aaron Szeps
The Metropolitan District

Don Guzzetta
Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut

Wesley Maribito
Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline

Luigi DiMonaco
Greater New Haven WPCA

Sammy Khouadra
City of Waterbury

ASSOCIATES

Timothy Arborio
C. E. U. C. A.
Charter Oak Utility Constructors, Inc.

Barb Dimauro
Utility Contractors Association of CT

Ronald Nault, P.E.
Luchs Consulting Engineering, LLC

Scott Pipicelli
Travelers Insurance

Don Schubert
Ct Construction Industries Association

Karl Baker
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Jeff Perinetti
CBYD Bookkeeper & Accountant

Daniel Nivison
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Stephen G. Rieben
PA&E Consultant

Laura Simkus
Center Manager
PelicanCorp One Call

Anthony Ciriello Jr., P.E.
SLR Consulting

Sean Morris
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Erin Stavens
Barber Utilities

Joseph Ryzewski
Procedural Advisor
Call Before You Dig, Inc.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2026

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... **Christopher Tralli**
Eversource Gas

V.P. - Administration ..... **Thomas Bashaw**
CBYD Emeritus

V.P. - Operations ..... **Michael Kinik**
Iroquois Gas Trans System

V.P. - Damage Prevention & Education ..... **Luigi DiMonaco**
Greater New Haven WPCA

SECRETARY ..... **Terence Shea**
Crown Castle

ACTING TREASURER ..... **Robert Dobmeier**
CBYD Emeritus

ASSISTANT TREASURER ..... **James Tripp**
Frontier Communications

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tonya Buddie
United Illuminating - AVANGRID

Robert Reardon
Comcast

Aaron Gore
Regional Water Authority

Dave Poore
Norwich Public Utilities

Kristopher Brooks
Connecticut Water

Richard Wong
Eversource Electric

Brad Franzese
Enbridge/Spectra Energy

Sebastian Olechowski
AVANGRID-CNG/SCG

Aaron Szeps
The Metropolitan District

Don Guzzetta
Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut

Wesley Maribito
Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline

Jon Graziosa
Connecticut DOT

Sammy Khouadra
City of Waterbury

ASSOCIATES

Timothy Arborio
C. E. U. C. A.
Charter Oak Utility Constructors, Inc.

Barb Dimauro
Utility Contractors Association of CT

Ronald Nault, P.E.
Luchs Consulting Engineering, LLC

Scott Pipicelli
Hanover Insurance

Don Schubert
Ct Construction Industries Association

Karl Baker
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Jeff Perinetti
CBYD Bookkeeper & Accountant

Daniel Nivison
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Stephen G. Rieben
PA&E Consultant

Laura Simkus
Managing Director
PelicanCorp One Call

Anthony Ciriello Jr., P.E.
SLR Consulting

Sean Morris
State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Erin Stavens
Barber Utilities

Joseph Ryzewski
Procedural Advisor
Call Before You Dig, Inc.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

July 1, 2026

Safeguarding public safety and fostering economic growth in Connecticut are top priorities, emphasizing the critical need to maintain the physical integrity of underground utility facilities during construction and demolition activities. Connecticut's proactive "Call Before You Dig" (CBYD) program serves as a vital tool in promoting both safety and economic development.

During the past year the number of location requests filed with the CBYD Clearinghouse continued to be near record levels, with the Clearinghouse processing over 247,000 requests. In 1977, the General Assembly formalized that work into today's CBYD program, overseen and enforced by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

The program requires that an excavator request and receive a mark out of underground facilities within an excavation area. The construction industry, public utilities and public safety authorities broadly support the CBYD program. Its effectiveness and concurrent education efforts have reduced the number and severity of excavation damages in the state. The CBYD effort requires constant vigilance, continued education and clear communication. Its enemy, complacency, cannot be tolerated in this critical work.

PURA thanks the Board of Directors of the Connecticut CBYD program for their dedication and work to sustain the commendably high standards and excellent reputation of our state's one-call excavation notification system.

Thomas Wiehl
Interim Chairman

10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051
An Equal Opportunity Employer
www.ct.gov/pura

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

In 2025, CBYD continued to move its mission forward-connecting people, strengthening partnerships, and promoting a culture of safety that protects our communities every day.

Throughout the year, CBYD engaged with industry professionals and future workforce members by participating in key events such as the CGKA Turf and Landscape Expo, the Northeast Hardscape Expo, ABC Career Day, the CASHO Equipment Show, and the Eli Whitney Career Fair. We also proudly hosted a sold-out Underground Safety Conference at Aqua Turf, bringing together leaders and safety advocates for a powerful exchange of knowledge, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

Reaching beyond the industry remains essential to our mission. In 2025, CBYD expanded its community presence by sponsoring and participating in events including the Senators Cup Race at Stafford Speedway, the NASCAR Truck Series race at Lime Rock Park, and the Hartford Yard Goats game at Dunkin' Park. Our outreach continued at local fairs such as the Berlin Fair and the Durham Fair, helping to ensure the message of excavation safety reaches audiences of all ages.

CBYD also remained committed to giving back. Through our annual charity golf tournament, we proudly supported the House of Heroes and the Alzheimer's Association, reinforcing our belief that safety, service, and community go hand in hand.

Education is the foundation of lasting safety. In 2025, CBYD invested in the future by awarding scholastic grants to 18 outstanding students from Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) trade high schools. By supporting these students as they begin their careers, CBYD is helping to shape a safer, more informed generation of excavators-because protecting lives tomorrow starts with education today.

Operationally, CBYD processed slightly fewer tickets than in 2024, with a 0.1% decrease in volume; however, more than 89% of all tickets were submitted online. This continued shift toward digital services reflects increased efficiency and the evolving needs of our users.
Looking ahead, 2025 marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter as CBYD began planning the relocation of its headquarters and the opening of a new training center in Cheshire, Connecticut.

Anticipated to open in early 2026, this space will serve as a hub for education, collaboration, and continued growth.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors, associate members, partner organizations, and our dedicated call center staff. Your commitment and professionalism make our mission possible and help ensure the safety of everyone who lives and works in our communities.

Stay safe, be well, and always remember to Call Before You Dig!

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura L. Simkus

Laura L. Simkus
Managing Director

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee's responsibilities include assisting the Treasurer in financial matters affecting Call Before You Dig, Inc. (CBYD). Specific duties include preparing, with the assistance of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairpersons, the annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors, recommending the yearly billing rate schedule, reviewing and acting upon any recommendations of the auditors, and providing oversight of CBYD's insurance policies and financial investments.

The accounting firm of Seward and Monde, CPAs, North Haven, Connecticut, prepares the annual Financial Statement Review for the Corporation. A complete copy of this 2025 year-end document is available by written request to Mr. Robert J. Dobmeier, Treasurer, Call Before You Dig, Inc., 2040 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517-1025. Seward and Monde is also utilized to render professional advice on accounting matters during the year, as the need might arise, and to prepare CBYD's annual IRS Form 990 Federal Income Tax return.

In December 2023, CBYD entered into a contract with PelicanCorp One-Call, Inc. to continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the call center for the period of 2024-2028. PelicanCorp provides services, around the globe, for the underground utility damage prevention industry. The CBYD Board of Directors has continued to work with PelicanCorp over the past several years to provide a smooth operation of the call center and its services to member utilities, and we look forward to a strong partnership in the future.

During 2025, the budget continued to provide funding for programs relating to public awareness and education. Among the programs which were continued were advertising spots on local television and radio stations throughout the region and the use of social media. This type of public outreach has been determined to be the most effective use of funds in order to spread the word about CBYD's program throughout the state.

CBYD and the Finance Committee continue to monitor and manage the Civil Penalty Fund that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) set up in 2019, to assist CBYD in paying for certain Public Awareness and Education efforts that both organizations see as fitting. To date, $676,500 has been deposited into this fund by utilities who incur violations that fit into this category, as deemed by PURA, and there have been 17 commitments for programs to use these funds, which total approximately $424,187. An uncommitted account balance of $252,313 is available for future programs that are agreed upon by both CBYD and PURA.

The annual CBYD budget for 2026 as approved by the Board of Directors in October 2025, and by PURA in December 2025, allowed CBYD to continue to adequately fund many of its ongoing and effective programs. All billable rates remained the same from the previous year (2025) for member utilities, except for the main mileage rate. This rate, which makes up the majority of the annual revenue for CBYD was increased by 2.3% from the previous year and is currently at $4.45/mile/month. This was the first increase in the mileage rate since 2022. The Committee respects the importance of cost containment for our member utilities and continues to consider this as a priority moving forward.

The financial well-being of the corporation has allowed CBYD to continue fulfilling its statutorily mandated duties and responsibilities while ensuring the safety of the excavating industry and the residents of Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Dobmeier
Robert J. Dobmeier, CBYD Treasurer

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, INC.
2026 BUDGET

REVENUE:

Operating		**$**	**2,825,000.00**
Interest/Dividend			**12,000.00**
Other (R&V, LPP)			**1,000.00**
Digitizing Service			**4,000.00**
	Total Revenue	**$**	**2,842,000.00**

EXPENSES:

Center Operations		**$**	**2,171,525.00**
Public Awareness & Education			**610,000.00**
Legal and Audit			**9,000.00**
Digitizing Service			**5,000.00**
Repair and Maintenance			**32,000.00**
Office Supplies and Postage			**14,000.00**
Insurance			**12,000.00**
Bookkeeping Services			**20,400.00**
Conferences and Meetings			**42,000.00**
Personal Property Tax			**5,000.00**
Miscellaneous/Contingency			**13,000.00**
Equipment and Furniture			**35,000.00**
	Total Expenses	**$**	**2,968,925.00**

Note: This Budget was approved by the PURA under docket #25-09-01, December 2025
Projected budget shortfall is covered by prior year carryovers.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG, INC.
STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES
Year ended December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:		
Revenues:		
Operating	$ 2,868,124	
Investment income	39,232	
Unrealized gain on investments	44,542	
Fundraising event, net of expenses of $21,421	8,571	$ 2,960,469
Expenses:		
Operating:		
Center operations - general	2,043,888	
Telephone network	29,190	
Teletype circuit	457	
Public awareness	646,665	
Scholarships	18,848	
Repair and maintenance equipment	3,208	
Office supplies and expense	7,586	
Insurance	10,807	
Depreciation	12,538	
Conferences and meetings	5,861	
Personal property tax	2,855	
Miscellaneous	1,449	2,783,352
General and administrative:		
Telephone	1,224	
Legal and accounting	10,708	
Office supplies and expense	1,377	
Bookkeeping services	20,350	
Insurance	2,169	
Conferences and meetings	48,006	
Personal property tax	418	
Depreciation	1,992	
Credit losses	6,884	
Bank charges and lockbox fees	427	
Miscellaneous	1,943	95,498
Total expenses		2,878,850
Change in net assets without donor restrictions		81,619
Net assets, beginning		1,463,464
Net assets, ending		$ 1,545,083

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following represents Call Before You Dig's breakdown of members by type in 2025:

TABLE 1 : MUNICIPAL MEMBERS BY FACILITY TYPE

Facility Type	Municipal Members
Water Only	14
Sewer Only	43
Storm Only	18
Electric Only	8
Gas Only	0
Communications Only	0
Traffic Signals Only	4
Steam Only	1
All / Multi-Utility	58
No Info Provided	10
Total Municipal Members	**156**

TABLE 2 : NON-MUNICIPAL MEMBERS BY FACILITY TYPE

Facility Type	Non-Municipal Members
Water Only	30
Sewer Only	3
Storm Only	0
Electric Only	11
Gas Only	35
Communications Only	22
Traffic Signals Only	0
Steam Only	0
All / Multi-Utility	10
No Info Provided	2
Total Non-Municipal Members	**113**

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP : 269

New Members in 2025 :

Town of Chaplin, Town of Harwinton, DESRI Project Management Services, Town of Pomfret
Members with multiple stations are aggregated and counted as single members.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Simkus
Managing Director
Call Before You Dig, Inc.

OPERATIONS REPORT

The Operations Committee plays a pivotal role in maintaining the effective operation of the CBYD Center. Its responsibilities encompass a wide range of duties designed to ensure the organization's continued success and improvement. These include:

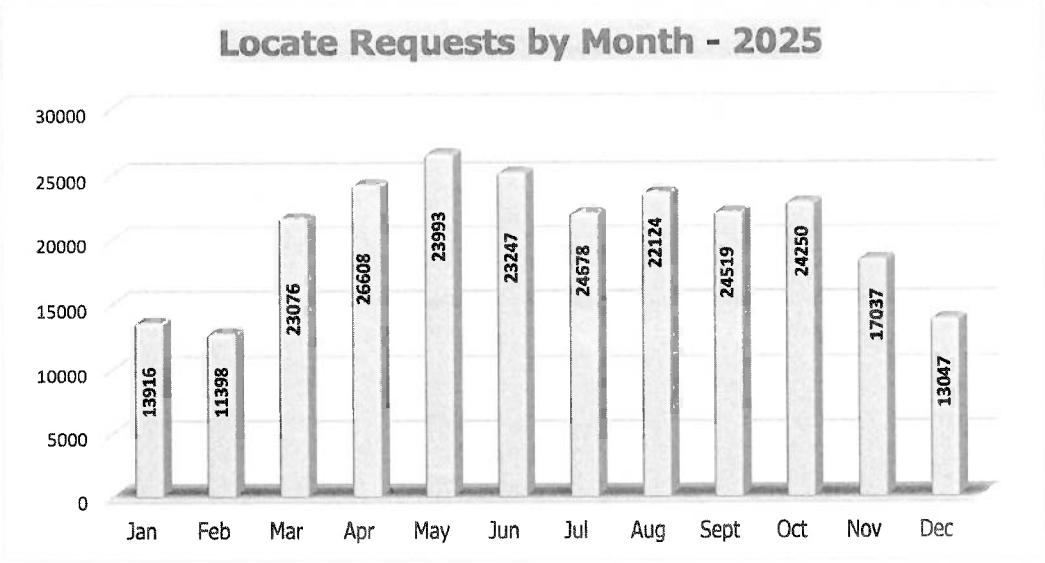
- **Support and Initiate Membership Programs:** The committee actively supports and develops programs aimed at increasing membership registration, thereby expanding the organization's reach and engagement.
- **Vendor Management Oversight:** It is responsible for overseeing all aspects of CBYD Vendor Management, ensuring efficient operations that meet established standards.
- **Contract Administration:** The committee manages the contract between CBYD Vendor Management and Call Before You Dig, Inc., maintaining compliance and fostering a productive relationship.
- **Development and Recommendation of Procedures:** A key responsibility is to develop, update, and recommend operating procedures and standards to the Vice President of Operations, ensuring continuous improvement and alignment with organizational goals.
- **Review of Operational Reports:** The committee reviews operational reports and performance measures provided by CBYD Vendor Management, offering oversight and monitoring progress toward organizational objectives.
- **Technology and System Advancement:** It collaborates with CBYD vendor management and members to stay informed about developments in One Call systems and communication technology, promoting innovation and modernization.
- **Additional Duties:** The committee also performs other tasks as assigned by the Vice-President of Operations, adapting to evolving needs and priorities.

Operations Committee Activities in 2025 - Throughout 2025, the Operations Committee collaborated closely with the Executive Committee to develop and coordinate an amendment to the contract with the center vendor, Pelican Corp. This collaborative effort addressed evolving operational requirements and ensured that the partnership remained aligned with CBYD Center's objectives. The Operations Committee reviewed contract terms, proposed necessary modifications, and facilitated discussions to reach consensus on the updated agreement. By working together, both committees ensured that the amended contract reflected current needs and positioned the organization for ongoing success.
This change enabled CBYD Inc. to take responsibility for managing its own facility, thereby creating the ability for CBYD Inc. to establish a new operations center.

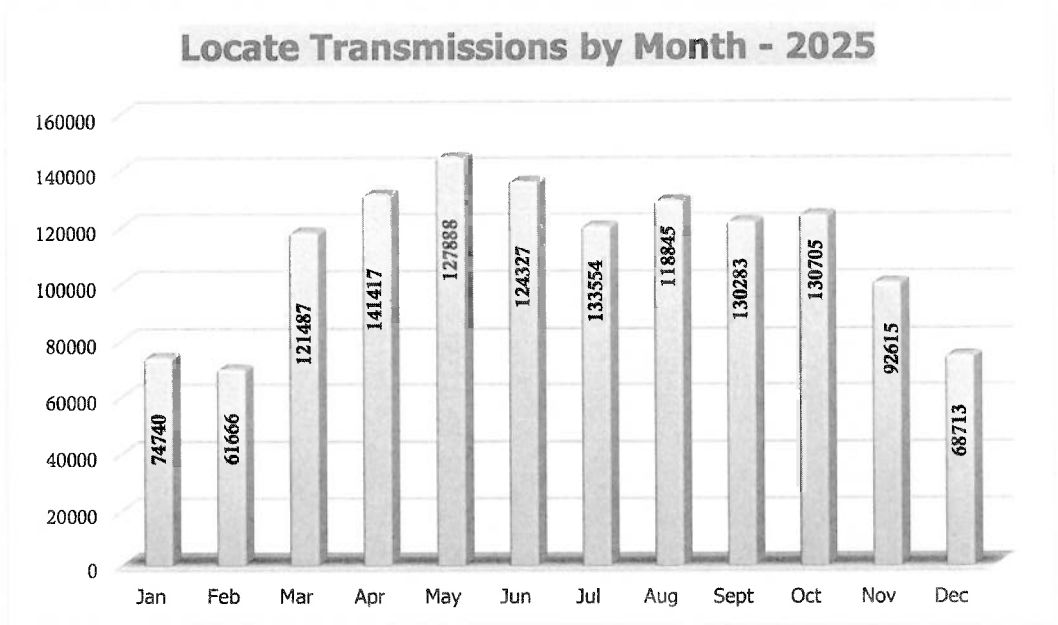
Operations Center Relocation and Upgrades - The new center was relocated from Hamden, CT to a newly refurbished facility in Cheshire, CT. The committee coordinated the transfer of all assets from the old center to the new location. Planning and design efforts included building upgrades, layout, technology infrastructure, and construction oversight. The new facility features a dedicated training area, offices, meeting rooms, and a garage for the organization's fleet. Additional office space was provided for committees and the center operator, Pelican Corp, to utilize. This major upgrade positions CBYD Inc. for continued and enhanced success moving forward.

Operational Statistics for 2025 - Total location requests for the year reached 247,893, representing a slight decrease compared to 2024. Of those requests, approximately 89% were processed via the website and other mobile devices—a significant increase in online ticket requests versus phone submissions from the previous year. It is anticipated that this trend will continue in 2026 and beyond. The call center also sent out 1,326,240 mark-out transmissions to member utilities, a number consistent with the decrease in locate requests.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Kinik
V.P. Operations Committee

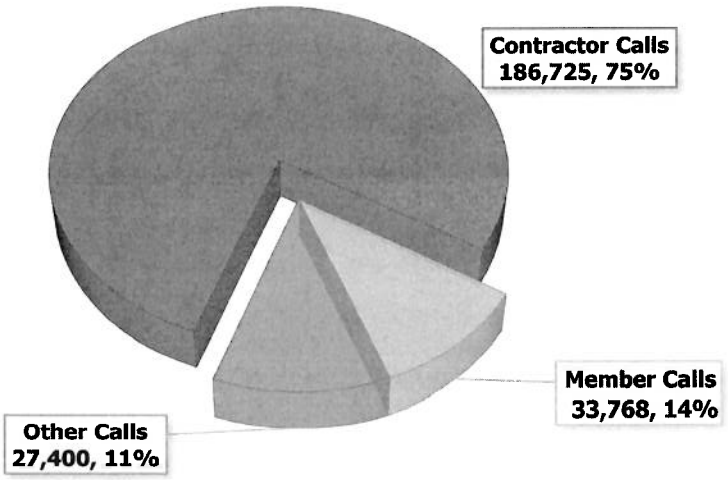


Total 2025 Locate Request – 247,893

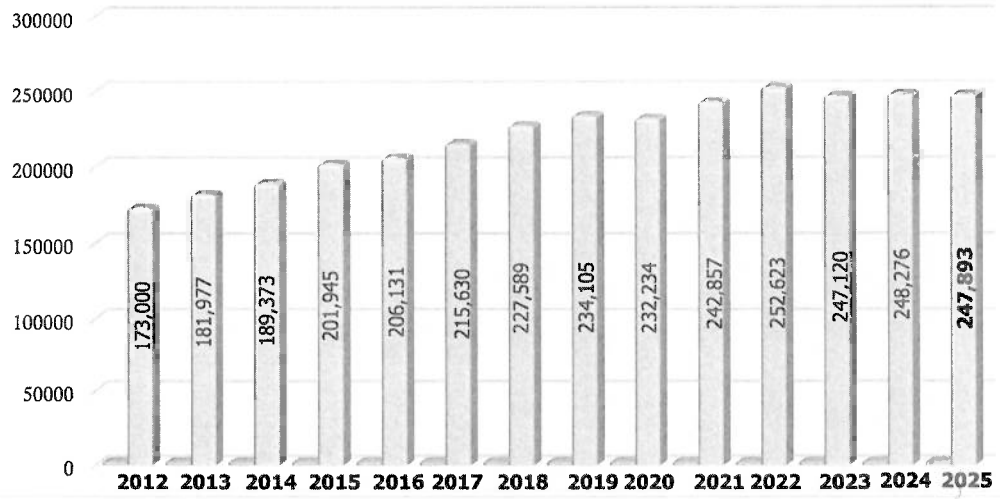


Total 2025 Transmissions – 1,326,240

LOCATE REQUESTS BY USER GROUP



LOCATE REQUEST HISTORY BY YEAR



DAMAGE PREVENTION and EDUCATION PROGRAM

"To provide communication and education to improve safety when excavating." This is the CBYD mission. In 2025, CBYD celebrated its 47th consecutive year serving the excavating community.

The Damage Prevention and Education Committee for 2025 consisted of the following individuals: Luigi DiMonaco (GNHWPCA), Spencer Sprecker (Eversource Electric), David Poore (Norwich Public Utilities), Aaron Szeps (MDC), Aaron Gore (SCCRWA), Tonya Buddie (Avangrid/United Illuminating), Robert Reardon (Comcast) and Sammy Khouadra (Waterbury Water Dept.). Call Center Manager Laura Simkus from PelicanCorp also actively participated to complete the goals and activities that were set forth by the Committee.

The total budget for the 2025 Damage Prevention and Education program was $610,000.

The activities for 2025 included the following:

1. Trade/Equipment Shows: CBYD participated in the CGKA Turf and Landscape Expo, Northeast Hardscape Expo, ABC Career Day, CT CASHO Equipment Show, and CCIA Safety Alliance Conference. We also conducted, with the assistance of CCIA, the third annual "Underground Safety Conference," on February 28, 2025, which we intend to continue annually.

2. Training: CBYD continued to promote the online Excavator Training certification program. The online program offers superior damage prevention training to the state of Connecticut and provides it in a format that is easy to navigate, highly engaging and pertinent in current practices. In keeping with its mission to provide easily accessible education to improve safety when excavating, the certification program is available in both English and Spanish languages.

3. Printed Message: In 2025, our printed message continued to appear in many forms. Ads promoting the CBYD service appeared in trade publications including magazines, newsletters, and industry journals.

4. Listing of the 811 Number and the 1-800 Number: Call Before You Dig's phone number, 1-800-922-4455, can be found in each local telephone directory. The universal dialing code used throughout the United States is 811. Anyone can contact the CBYD Center either by using 811 or by dialing our 1-800-922-4455 number.

5. Broadcasting in 2025: (Television, Radio & Social Media) In 2025 with the help of our media consultant (Media Matrix, LLC) television spots were purchased throughout the construction season on Connecticut's local television stations. These ads were shown as part of the news, sporting events and weather updates. Ads were also broadcast on both AM and FM stations statewide. In addition to Television and Radio, CBYD, with PelicanCorp, expanded its advertising to promote Safe Excavation Practices through multiple Social Media sites.

6. Auto Racing Sponsorships: CBYD continued the Stafford Motor Speedway track sponsorship during 2025. CBYD was the title sponsor for the "CBYD SK Modified Senators Cup" on June 20, 2025, with over 4,000 people in attendance and approximately 1,000 people live streaming the event. Call Before You Dig also had the opportunity to take part in sponsoring a Kids Zone activation and a Tricon driver Toni Breidinger at the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race held at Lime Rock Park on June 27 & 28, 2025. This event drew a crowd of 10,000+ spectators and was shown on multiple national broadcast channels.

7. Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Sponsorship: On July 30, 2025, Call Before You Dig sponsored the Yard Goats baseball game and distributed promotional items to attendees. About 6,000 people were in attendance.

8. One Call Industry Associations and Organizations Participation: Call Before You Dig's Call Center Manager, Laura Simkus (PelicanCorp), attended meetings of the Facility Notification Centers Association. Laura participates in the Common Ground Alliance and Excavation Safety Alliance. Laura's active participation in these organizations has kept the Connecticut CBYD Center updated on any new industry developments whether on a national or local level.

The Damage Prevention and Education Committee understands that damage prevention and education are key components as it relates to preventing underground utility damage. The goal is to continue to evolve the message over time and try different forms of education and awareness when necessary to get the word out.

In 2026, the Committee's safety message may take different forms but the concentration on safe excavation will remain the same. CBYD will continue to promote online training and digital marketing. CBYD will continue to recognize and honor those participating in the online Excavator Training certification program.

In 2026, CBYD will hold additional in-person training sessions to promote safe excavation practices.

DIG SAFELY CONNECTICUT — IT'S THE LAW!

Respectfully submitted,
Luigi DiMonaco
Vice President of Damage Prevention & Education

Connecticut Environmental and Utilities Contractors Association

a division of Connecticut Construction Industries Association
912 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 P: 860.529.6855
www.ctconstruction.org

Date: January 28, 2026
To: Call Before You Dig
From: Connecticut Environmental & Utilities Contractors Association
Re: Annual Report for 2026

The Connecticut Environmental and Utilities Contractors Association (CEUCA) represents contractors operating within Connecticut's environmental and utility construction sectors. CEUCA is a division of the Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA), a federation of construction industry associations committed to advancing safety, regulatory compliance, and responsible infrastructure development. CEUCA, along with the CCIA divisions, maintains a close working relationship with Call Before You Dig (CBYD) in support of Connecticut's Dig Safe law and the shared objective of preventing damage to underground facilities while protecting workers, the public, and critical infrastructure.

During 2025, Connecticut's construction industry continued to operate amid considerable uncertainty. Federal funding rescissions, evolving policy direction, and market volatility affected both public and private sector projects, increasing operational risk and complicating compliance efforts. Throughout this period, CBYD and the One-Call Center provided a stable, reliable, and predictable framework for safe excavation. This consistency enabled contractors to maintain compliance with statutory requirements and continue prioritizing damage prevention despite broader industry challenges.

CCIA valued the continued collaboration with the CBYD Board of Directors to promote and deliver the 2025 Annual Underground Safety Conference. The conference remains a core component of CBYD's education and outreach strategy, reinforcing best practices, regulatory awareness, and shared accountability among excavators, facility operators, and other stakeholders. CCIA also actively supported CBYD's ongoing education and compliance initiatives through our communications channels, including Education Access, enhancements to the OneCallAccess E-Ticket system and Damage Access, CBYD Month, and 811 Day. These initiatives improved accessibility to information, strengthened transparency within the one-call process, and supported consistent compliance across the construction industry.

CCIA further appreciated opportunities to partner with CBYD in advancing public awareness objectives. Notably, our organizations combined resources to support a year-long advertising campaign at one of Connecticut's premier sporting venues, expanding the reach of CBYD's damage prevention and "call before you dig" messaging beyond the construction community and into the general public—supporting long-term risk reduction.

CBYD continued to demonstrate its commitment to stakeholder engagement by encouraging active industry participation at Board of Directors meetings and maintaining a visible presence at key industry events. CBYD participated in the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut and Digger Mixer Fixer golf outings, sponsored and attended the CCIA-OSHA-ConnOSHA Safety Alliance Conference, and partnered with three major industry associations to support Connecticut's veteran community. These efforts strengthened collaboration, reinforced safety culture, and increased awareness of damage prevention responsibilities across the industry.

While CEUCA serves as the primary liaison between the construction industry and CBYD, the benefits of CBYD's reliable one-call services extend across all CCIA divisions. CBYD's continued focus on communication, education, stakeholder collaboration, and system improvement supports safer excavation practices, improved compliance, reduced damage risk, and enhanced protection of Connecticut's underground infrastructure on jobsites statewide.

Respectfully submitted,
Connecticut Environmental and Utilities Contractors Association, Inc.

State of Connecticut

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous and costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions or even fatalities that are often preventable; and

WHEREAS, created by state statute, Call Before You Dig (CBYD) is a non-profit clearinghouse comprised of owners and operators of underground utility facilities in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, CBYD guards against the accidental digging up of buried facilities whenever excavation – whether by digging, blasting or demolishing – is undertaken in order to protect the public, decrease utility service disruptions, and reduce the high cost of damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the law requires individuals, contractors, utilities and public agencies planning to excavate with mechanized equipment to notify CBYD at least two full working days before digging; and

WHEREAS, without any charge to the excavator, CBYD notifies all owners and operators of buried utilities so that all lines, cables, pipes and conduits can be located and marked according to a standard color code; and

WHEREAS, CBYD has a proven record of reducing damage to underground facilities, protecting property, and providing for the safety and welfare of both excavators and the general public; now

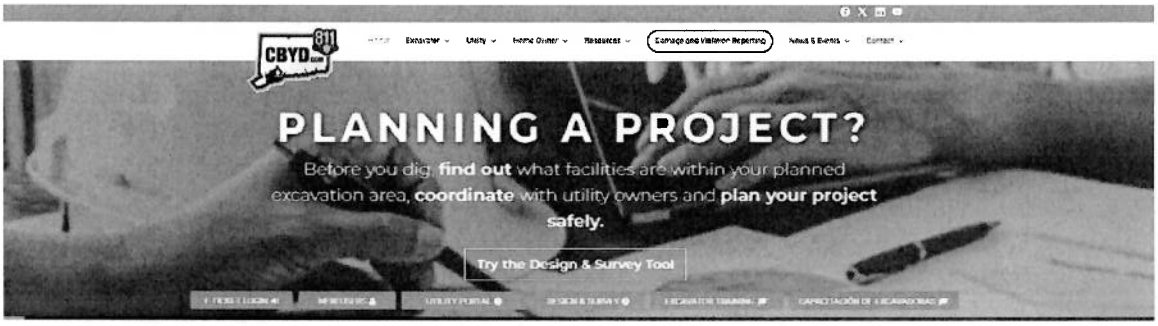
THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut – to encourage all our citizens both to become familiar with CBYD and to notify CBYD by calling 811, or by visiting www.CBYD.com before excavating anywhere in the state – do hereby officially proclaim the month of April 2026, to be

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.

Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR



248276
Tickets in 2024

1340203
Notifications to Utilities

Call Before You Dig is a FREE service to anyone excavating within the state of Connecticut. It's the LAW. Call Before You Dig service enables excavators to obtain information on the location of underground utility pipes and cables in the area of the proposed work site. This knowledge will help protect the excavators from harm and the facilities from damage.



Events

Join CBYD's effort to keep Connecticut safe! Visit the CBYD team at an upcoming event. From excavator safety education courses to spreading the Damage Prevention message in the community.

FIND OUT MORE →

Testimonial

"Using the CBYD E-Ticket system has made specifying where our crews are going to work more efficient and cut my time in half when submitting tickets!"

Ms. Erin Stavens, Barber Utilities, LLC

56%

of damages to underground infrastructure results from "insufficient excavations practices". Always contact CBYD before your project starts.

FIND OUT MORE →

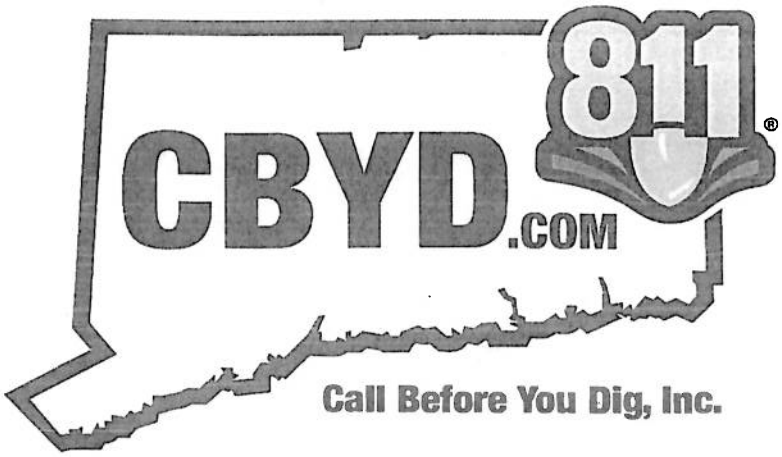
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

CGA Common Ground Alliance

811

Connecticut Underground

PelicanCorp



Our Mission;

"PROVIDE COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION TO IMPROVE SAFETY WHEN EXCAVATING"