

APPLEWOOD SANITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CANDIDATE PROFILE
MAY 6, 2025 ELECTION

Name: Walter “Snip” Young

Tell us about yourself:

My name is Walter Young. I was raised in the Philadelphia area, where my nickname ‘Snip’ was bestowed on me by a good friend. I attended college at the University of Akron, where I received a B.S. in Industrial Management in 1969. In 1971 I migrated to Colorado on my honeymoon and never left our beautiful state.

After 20 years at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) I completed my education at the University of Colorado, Denver where I received a PhD in Health and Behavioral Sciences. My final years in my public health career were spent as a research and program evaluation consultant to state and local public health organizations throughout the U.S. and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Along with my wife of 50 years, we raised two young women in the Applewood area. Living in the Applewood Sanitation District (ASD) service area for 24 years, I just assumed that when I showered or flushed the toilet that the wastewater was professionally managed, upholding standards of public health. If elected, I will work to assure that the good work of the Applewood Sanitation District continues.

Why are you running to be on the Board:

My career has been in service to the public. Now retired, and wishing to contribute to my community, I volunteered and now serve on the Board of the Applewood Property Owners Association. This has reignited my service to community.

Early in 2025, residents of ASD received a billing statement indicating these statements were changing to a quarterly billing cycle. This small policy change got me wondering about internal operations of this ASD. When the request for self-nominations for an open Board position arrived, I thought “here’s an opportunity to apply my policy research and public policy experience for the good of my community – west Applewood.”

Now a candidate, the Board President invited me to attend the March 12th meeting of the Board. I observed a highly professional organization, and a well-managed, efficiently run meeting. A problem was discussed that involved another public entity and a plan of action set to resolve the problem.

During my career, I served on many boards, committees and served many public agency clients. If elected, I will be a valuable asset to this highly professional organization.

List your qualifications to be a Director.

Early in my work history, I worked for a highway construction company. As a laborer, I prepared ditches (*made grade*) for the laying of drainage pipe. I later managed a field office for the same company ordering materials, heavy equipment and drainage pipes and making payroll. I am familiar with the construction end of maintaining pipelines.

My position at CDPHE required management of public health programs including, multi-million dollar budgets, state-level boards, county-based committees, contractors, sixty staff positions, and interactions with State Legislators. Later I started Advanced Health Directions an independent consulting organization providing planning, evaluation and research services to public agencies throughout the U.S. This experience affirmed my belief that management decisions should be data driven whenever possible.

After a few years of retirement, I was ready to get to work for my community. As a board member of APOA I am working on the development and implementation of a program to mitigate Applewood homeowner properties of wildfire risks – Applewood Firewise. Oh yes, my hobbies include maintaining my home, wood-working, biking, golfing and reading.

My varied work experience, from pipeline laborer to management consultant, qualify me to be a Director of the Applewood Sanitation District Board.