## Margaret Plemmons From Page B1

ministration administer the policy."

At board meetings, Plemmons frequently sifts through a stack of papers and constantly jots down notes. Making decisions seems to come a little harder for her than it does for others.

But her decisions seem to be the result of insight into things fellow board members might not be exposed to, which she chalks up to experience.

"My father was a military man and I was born in New Mexico and went to schools in Hawaii that weren't segregated," she says. "And I tend to view things differently than people who grew up in a segregated society. I view things in a more positive way, and somebody else may not see that."

### Reynolds Park Road From Page BI

here, it was an all-white area. Now blacks have moved in and everyone of them has upgraded their houses. The blacks and whites get along well together."

Since Reynolds Park Road has a blend of youth, young adults and a few retirees, some say the area is ideal for the family-oriented.

"This is a growing neighborhood," says Thatch, an employee of the city/county pubic school system and the father of three. "There are a lot of families out here with young children, and that is especially important to me."

"This is a nice place to raise a family," says Celestine Morris, the mother of four and a five-year resident of Reynolds Park Road. "The way the families are growing out here, we may need a larger recreation facility in the near future."

The Reynolds Park Recreation Center has a number of programs for residents, including swimming in the summer, basketball, dance classes, tennis and the popular boxing program.

The Reynolds Park Golf Course, located across the street from the recreation center, attracts both residents of the area and golfers from other parts of the city.

Politically, the Reynolds Park Road area is one of the more active, says Alderman Larry Womble.

"The people in that neighborhood are very intelligent, very astute and very aware politically," says Womble. "Usually at precinct meetings, 10 is a good number. But often, we have as many as 50 from that neighborhood who come out."

Thatch, the neighborhood precinct chairman, agrees with Womble.

"For the most part, we get out to the polls and vote," says Thatch, who is serving his first term. "The people are politically active and concerned about issues, particularly education and the things that affect the community."

As in any community, however, there are always areas that need improvement.

"What bothers me most is the streets," says Mrs. Morris. "Reynolds Park Road needs to be widened."

"I would like to see a nice restaurant or cafeteria out here," says Mrs. Weir. "If we want a good meal, we have to go all the way across town."

"Some of the roads out here need to be resurfaced," says Tucker.

And, says Thatch, "I would like to see the people a little more active politically."

## Homes From Page Bl

their homes. Those inside CD areas can recieve grants or loans to finance painting their homes.

Home owners with a certain income level can also qualify for CD home improvement loans, which would be repaid over a period of 15 years at low interest costs. "We want to offer something and have it so people can pay back something but keep it affordable," said Don Dwigging, city representative.

And the plan also includes grants for elderly residents and low-income residents who can't afford to repay a loan.

"I want you all to sign up tonight. And if you don't sign up tonight, I want you to go home and talk to your wife or husband and sign up tomorrow for one of these programs," Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble urged Easton residents at a recent community meeting to discuss the CD program.

After Dwiggins explained the benefits of the housing renovation programs, Womble cautioned Easton residents who missed the boat when community development funds were doled out previously, "We'd better get it while the getting's good," he

"If we had been on top of it when community development first came out, we wouldn't be here tonight."

Ann Hanes and her husband Andrew said they initially came to the meeting just to support the programs. "I don't know if we qualify or not," Mrs. Hanes said. "I'm surprised about the loans. But I came to support anything to help the community."

A few other residents, who questioned why the city is giving them money to repair their homes, were somewhat skeptical. "I don't know," or "I'll have to look into it," some remarked.



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