



## **Staff Observations on Age**

- Not surprisingly, Bloomington block groups with the highest median age in 2000 were those with significant senior oriented housing (most notably Fellowship Village and the Masonic Home). Block groups with the lowest median age levels tended to have high percentages of multiple-family housing.
- Several Bloomington census tracts are among those with the highest median age in the entire metropolitan area. Other cities with high median ages include Edina, Richfield, Minnetonka, Golden Valley, and Roseville. Note that each of these communities saw much of their growth in the 1950s and 60s.
- Median age generally increased more from 1990 to 2000 in western Bloomington than in eastern Bloomington.
- Median age increased in each Bloomington census tract, except Tract 252.01 (bounded by Portland, 86<sup>th</sup> St., TH 77 and I-494), where it stayed stable. Note that this tract is also the only Bloomington census tract to see an increase in average household size from 1990 to 2000, is the most racially diverse tract in Bloomington, and has the highest percentage of foreign born population.