THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON IS...

Mary Biesty. Marie Browne of Edgebrook correctly identified Mary as our unidentified person!

Mary Biesty and her husband Tom moved to the Edgebrook area six years ago from the Beverly neighborhood on the southside of Chicago. When Mary moved in she got a job co-teaching the kindergarten class with Linda Zehren at Sauganash School. When her son Corry arrived, she stayed at home for a year then began subbing at Edgebrook and Sauganash Schools. Her most recent position was the library teacher for the primary grades at Sauganash School, which she loved! Mary will return to full time teaching sometime in the near future.

Mary was raised in south suburban South Holland with her six siblings. She graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. She worked for twelve years at Marshall Fields most of them in the position as Security Manager for the downtown store. After leaving the retail field, Mary returned to graduate school at St. Xavier University to obtain her teaching certificate in Elementary Education.

Since locating in the Edgebrook community, Mary has become very involved in the Edgebrook Community Association. She currently serves as the Vice President and is actively seeking ways to increase membership and help improve the downtown area. Mary is very impressed with the high level of commitment that Edgebrook residents have toward their community. This past year almost 20% of the residents responded to a survey about the future of downtown Edgebrook. While many wonderful ideas surfaced from these surveys it also acknowledged the terrific job many of the existing stores are doing to

serve our community.

If you see Mary strolling through the neighborhood with her family, stop and say Hi. She can be seen at Sauganash Park where she takes weight-training classes, eating ice cream at the Chocolate Shoppe, shopping at Happy Foods, walking through Caldwell woods with friends or her dog Jaime, and hanging out at neighborhood parks with her son Corry.