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The Mystery Person Revealed

Our Mystery Person Revealed is Jac Charlier, a seven year community resident living in Edgebrook where Niles, Skokie and Chicago all intersect. Jac attended Belding Elementary School (Irving Park neighborhood), St. Ignatius College Prep, and earned his BS Math at University of Illinois, then earned his Master's of Public Administration at Ohio State University. Jac works in the non-profit sector in business development. While his professional background is in criminal justice, he also does leadership development focused on community engagement and small businesses.

He is devoted to improving our community and is involved in several local organizations. Jac is a member of the Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce, has been an Edgebrook Community Association Board of Director since 2009, and is currently the Community Development Director. Jac is on the Executive Committee with the National Eagle Scout Association, and is the American Legion (Morton Grove) - Chair of Americanism. He is currently the Facilitator of the Neighborhood Connection Project, a citizen-led effort to



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repair and beautify the Metra underpass located at Hiawatha, Kinzua and Lehigh. This three year project is now in the design phase and the design work for beautification is expected to be completed by Spring 2013.

Jac's wife, Amy Keller, is a Financial Planner with Ameriprise and is a member of the Sauganash Chamber of Commerce. They have three children that attend Edgebrook School.

When Jac is not at work or with the family or working with neighbors to find solutions to our shared community challenges, you might find him playing rugby or running through our forested area. Jac played club level rugby with the

Chicago Griffins and now plays an "Old Boys" game every year. You can still catch him out in the warmer weather drop kicking the rugby ball as he gears up for the annual alumni game. Neighbors will often come by when they see him with what looks like a big football. He often lets the curious kids take a few kicks with it just for fun. As for running, he has two running paths. The first he calls the "quad cities", because it goes from Chicago to Skokie to Lincolnwood to Niles. He admits that it is not as lengthy as it may seem, but he loves this route because he can take in the various architectural details of the homes. This is his favorite winter route.

The second route follows the path in Caldwell Woods starting at Devon. This is where he enjoys spotting the occasional deer, skunk, opossum and other wild life. This is his favorite route in the fall because of the beautiful changing colors of the leaves.

Jac loves living in our community and is devoted to making it an even better place to live and raise your family. We will have to check out the Edgebrook Metra underpass later this spring. I'm sure it will be beautiful.