

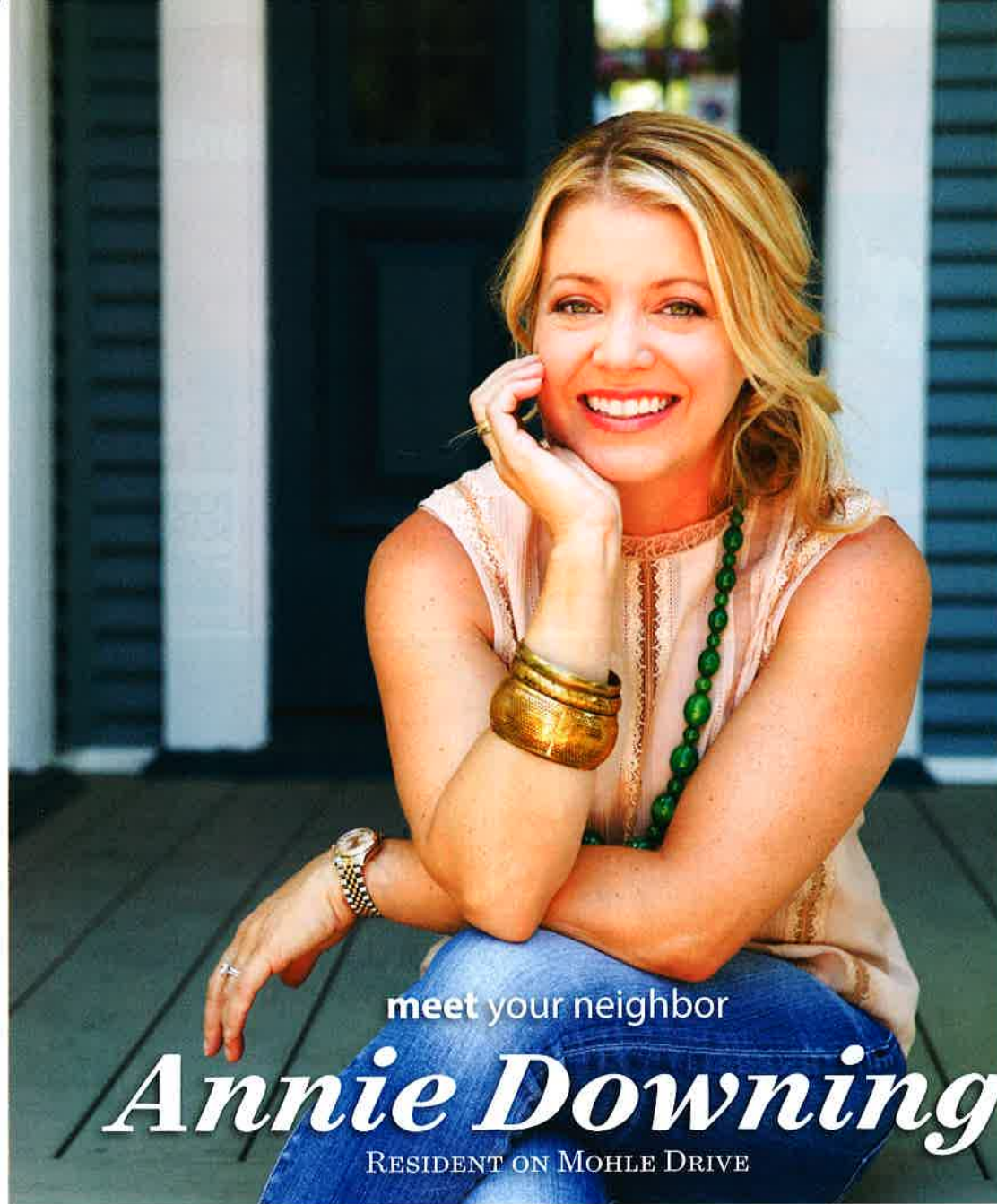
Life in the Heights

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*Meet Annie
Downing*





favorite would have to be the Summer Olympics. You can also occasionally find Annie watching *Homeland*, *Modern Family*, and shows on Bravo when Ward is not around!

Music: Zac Brown Band, all kinds of country, and Maroon 5. The kids also love to dance to current hits like Justin Timberlake's "Can't stop the Feeling"!

Family Dinner: For special occasions, Uchiko. Otherwise Matt's El Rancho or Maudie's.

Do you have any family traditions? I would say we strive really hard to spend as much time together as possible since most of the time we are being pulled in a million different directions with all of the kids' activities, and both of our jobs. So if family dinners count as a tradition then that would definitely be one. We also, spend Christmas in Austin then travel to Laredo, where I am from, to spend some time at my parent's ranch and go on an annual "trail ride."

What do you like to do to relax? I love to read. I alternate between a nonfiction book and a fiction book. I also love to work and oddly enough, I find that when I am away and in my office it's rather relaxing.

How are you involved in the community? I just completed my board term for Good Shepherd Episcopal School. I spent a lot of time volunteering my time for a local organization here called Wonders & Worries. I now serve in many capacities at Hyde Park Elementary School where all 3 of my children will be next year. I have such

meet your neighbor

Annie Downing

RESIDENT ON MOHLE DRIVE

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Family Member Names: Ward (husband), Avery (10), Freddie (8) and Alice (3) Downing

From: Annie - Laredo, TX; Ward - Tulsa, OK

College/University: Trinity University

Profession: Interior Designer - Principal and Owner of Annie Downing Interiors, LLC

Years in the neighborhood: 8 years

FAMILY FAVORITES:

Activities/Hobbies: Love to read,

going to Lake Austin with the family, walking Lady Bird Lake, design, art, a little politics and photography for fun.

Part of Town: Triangle Park and "Peacock Park" as the kids call Mayfield Park.

Restaurants: Clark's Oyster Bar, Josephine House, Uchiko. If it's dinner with the kids Pint-house Pizza, Matt's El Rancho, or Maudie's.

Vacation Destination: Vail, CO and Watercolor, FL.

Sports Teams: Sooners ;)

TV Show / Movie: If you were to ask the youngest Downing member Alice, the answer would be *Peppa Pig* and *Zootopia*. This summer the family



little free time after work that I find that it is most satisfying to commit to their school community, especially while they are young.

Tell us about your family: I have 3 kids. Avery is the oldest, an avid equestrian, who is 10 and entering 5th grade and is fairly quiet compared to her siblings! It's very time consuming but seeing her in her happy place, outdoors, around animals and fearless on a huge horse makes up for it. My middle child is Freddie, he loves wakeboarding, fishing, baseball and flag football. He is sweet as can be. They youngest, Alice, keeps us on our toes. She is a firecracker and loves to swim so we spend quite a bit of time at the pool with her in the summer. My husband is from Tulsa, OK. He works for a company that is based out of Chicago, so he spends a lot of time on the road. So when he's home we just spend time together with the kids.

What is your favorite part about living in your neighborhood? The people and the accessibility to downtown Austin and my office. My neighbors are all so diverse but all so fun.

Interesting fun fact that your neighbors would be surprised to know? I used to work in the Clinton administration and scheduled the President's haircuts and golf outings. I spent 11 years in Washington, DC before moving back "home" to Texas.

BUSINESS INFORMATION:

How many people does the company employ? 3

How long has it been in business? 5 years

What prompted you to start your own business? Working for myself, it's both a blessing and a curse! Also, the flexibility to spend time with my family.

Describe what your company does: A full service design firm that specializes in all aspects of interior design from the initial conceptual phase through the construction process.

Anything extraordinary/unique that your company does:

We have a studio and showroom located in Austin's growing "design district" where you can find a collection of personally curated inventory of both vintage and new pieces. We also offer a very personal experience.

Given your business expertise and the nature of what you do, what advice (whether general or specific) can you offer to the residents of your neighborhood? If you



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see something you absolutely love, whether it is a piece of art or a light fixture, and even if you don't think you have anywhere to put it buy it. You will always find a place for a piece you love especially if it's one of a kind or sentimental. I still think about a ceramic snail I saw at Round Top Antiques years ago that I should have purchased!

How did you decide on this industry (events that led up to where you are now, where you went to school, etc.)? I worked in politics for years but I took interior design and art classes at night after work. I designed several of my own homes and then started helping friends. It just evolved from there.

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Waterproof wedding makeup tips

Submitted by Resident Business Owner – **Rianna Alberty** of Rimix Cosmetics | Wooldridge Ave



With lake levels back at full capacity in Austin, Texas, brides are opting to utilize the summer months for their outdoor wedding regardless of the triple-digit heat. Here are some helpful waterproof wedding tips that can help any bride survive their wedding day and look fabulous doing it!

SPF

Avoid SPF on your wedding day and opt for a great primer instead.

CONCEALER

Use a full coverage concealer for oily skin and a light concealer for dryer skin types. The key to long lasting all-day makeup is light, thin layers.

FACE

Layering your powder products over your liquids will set your liquids so they stay put all day.

EYES

Use an eye lid primer to ensure your eyeshadow doesn't budge.

WATERPROOF

Use waterproof products whenever possible, mascara is obvious but you can also find waterproof eyeliners and lipliners.

HD POWDERS

Steer clear of HD powders on your wedding day. These powders will show up white under flash photography.

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