

North End Living

"We love the neighborhood and living so close to the ocean has been a great stress reliever. There's no better way to start or end a day than walking the beach."

- Mary Beth Peavey



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The Walkers

200 55th Street,
Virginia Beach

After fifteen years in the same house at the south end of the Virginia Beach oceanfront, Mike and Marianne Walker decided they had outgrown both their existing home and their neighborhood. While they had enjoyed many good years of close friendships with their neighbors, that camaraderie slowly dissipated as many of them moved away. That situation, combined with the need for more space with two small girls and Mike's memories of his teenage years living at the North End spurred the decision to move.

"The team at VB Homes was great at staying in touch with us. We corresponded with them every day and their attention to detail really put us at ease."

- Mike Walker

VB Homes had a prime lot on the corner of 55th Street and the North End feeder road. Fortunately, the design team's house plans offered exactly what the Walkers were looking for - a larger house in a great location right across from the ocean. The family was looking forward to enjoying a few new features in their new home. More bedrooms gave them the space they were looking for. The third floor functions as a guest suite for Marianne's parents when they visit. A mudroom off the garage and dedicated laundry room were also new spaces they hoped would make life a little easier.

With a location just across from the beach, a coastal design fit the Walkers' lifestyle well. The home's soothing neutral palette, light and airy windows and worn, dark wood floors are comforting and welcoming. An open floor plan allows connectivity between the kitchen, living room and dining area. The master is a relaxing space with double doors leading to a cozy balcony.

More than two years after moving in, the Walkers have settled in and love their new home at the North End. Their corner lot gives them ample opportunity to meet neighbors. Saturday mornings during the spring, summer and fall months are full of ritual - a bike ride with the girls, followed by time in the front yard socializing and then packing up the beach cart and heading across the street to the ocean.



The Peaveys

202 55th Street,
Virginia Beach

Originally from New England, Bob and Mary Beth Peavey most recently lived in the Courthouse area of Virginia Beach for twelve years prior to their move to 55th Street. With their twin boys' college graduation imminent, they realized they would truly be empty nesters and decided it was time to downsize. "We figured if we lived closer to the beach, they'd be more likely to come home and visit," said Mary Beth.

With several different options for oceanfront living in the coastal and bayfront city, the opportunity to reside just steps away from the beach and its close proximity to dining and shopping sold Bob and Mary Beth on the North End. A bonus amenity was the nearby First Landing State Park, the perfect place for a family that loves to run.

Once the Peaveys started exploring the idea of moving, many of Mary Beth's clients suggested they meet with VB Homes. They considered a number of existing homes and condos but were really impressed with the design and quality of what they saw from VB homes. While in New England, Mary Beth worked in the homebuilding business and personally built three homes with her husband, so she was no stranger to the process. She found Chris Eitel's VB Homes team to be the easiest she's worked with.

In their new home, the Peaveys enjoy having an open floor plan on the first level. "We love the flow and natural light," added Mary Beth. The family room with its three sets of sliding glass doors leading to a picturesque porch is one of their favorite spots in the house. Its bright and relaxing nature is conducive to having friends and family over in a casual setting.

As for the decision to move to the North End, the Peaveys feel they made the right one. Summer Saturdays and Sundays are spent on the sand with their new neighborhood friends, and the 4th of July has become a beloved celebration in their North End community.



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