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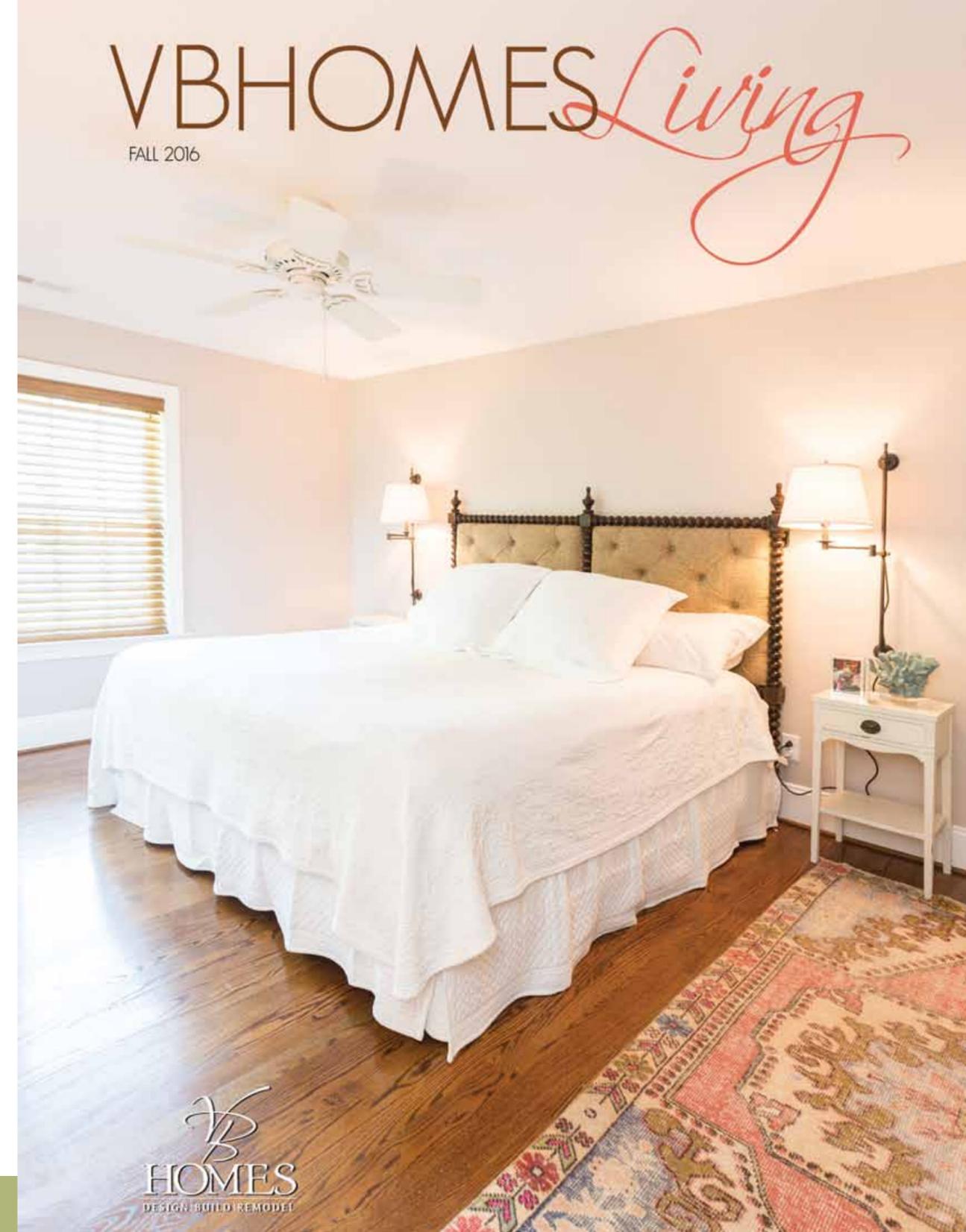
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The Lieblers

1016 Abingdon Road,
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When Matt and Julie Liebler purchased their 1954 ranch-style home in August, 2011, it was the perfect size for just the two of them and in the Bay Colony neighborhood they had desired to be in. Shortly thereafter, Julie became pregnant with their first child, Laura, who arrived on Halloween, 2013. Two years later, another little girl, Susanna, was on the way and the Lieblers realized they needed to quickly make room for their growing family.



The original layout of the 1,200 square foot home did not feature a true master bedroom and included one small closet in the main bedroom. Additionally, the Lieblers relied on a hallway bathroom for their daily routine. Adding a master suite was mandatory, for both their space and sanity! Having known VB Homes' president Chris Ettel for years, selecting the company to handle their renovation was an easy one. "Having no prior renovation experience, we wanted someone we knew, and trusted, to help guide us through the process. We also liked that VB Homes is a 'turnkey' operation. From design, to budget, to build, they handled the entire process of the renovation from start to finish," stated Julie. Drawing and elevations created by the VB Homes design team helped seal the final look.

The renovations were completed a month before Susanna's birth and resulted in a beautiful 700 square foot master suite with two walk-in closets and a master bathroom. Plentiful closet space and the private bathroom allow the Lieblers to get ready in the mornings in a sun-filled, tranquil space without waking up their girls and provides a cozy area to retreat to after a long day of work. VB Homes additionally added a laundry closet, previously a mudroom, and renovated a dated pre-existing bathroom into a fresh, modern powder room. While overjoyed about their growing family, Matt and Julie were concerned they would have to leave a house and neighborhood they loved to accommodate their life changes. "We love our new home. We really enjoy the street we live on and our neighbors. It's a wonderful neighborhood with tons of kids," said Julie. "The reason we chose an addition is because we love where we live and had no interest in moving."



The Mutzabaughs

2517 Broad Bay Road,
Virginia Beach

Upon returning from a deployment in Iraq in 2012, Dave Mutzabaugh was ready to settle down and purchase a home on the water, deciding on a house originally built in 1986 and located in the scenic Bay Island neighborhood. He bought it based on its size and location but knew that it would need some cosmetic enhancements and an updated look, a decision sealed once he became engaged to his girlfriend, Story.

When looking for a contractor, Dave knew he wanted a design-build firm. He originally solicited bids from several other contractors but none of them seemed able to capture the more modern, coastal look he and Story were going for. With VB Homes, he finally found a partner in president Chris Ettel, who was able to bring the design to life through renderings and elevation drawings and provide ideas to further achieve Dave's goals. "In the end, I was confident that VB Homes was the right fit for the work we wanted done," said Dave.

The majority of the renovation focused on the exterior. Faux stone was replaced with a more coastal-looking vinyl cedar shake and two porches were completely rebuilt. Numerous entryways received new or freshly painted doors and new storm doors. A functional side entrance replaced a clunky door that had made small chores, such as carrying groceries, a burden. French doors leading to the back porch were replaced, providing a better view of the creek. The roof was replaced and new metal roof touches were added. Likewise, a new garage door and metal pigeon roofs were installed.



Several new design elements have become Dave's and Story's favorite parts of the renovation. A porthole window was added to the front of the house and the new side porch, allowing more natural light onto the interior staircase. And, while it wasn't in the initial plans, Dave feels the roof changes contributed substantially to the home's final curb appeal.

Their house has become the talk of the neighborhood, with numerous neighbors stopping by to admire the results. "I've spoken to folks in kayaks, boats, on paddleboards, on bikes and walking by. Everyone has been complimentary," beamed Dave. "My friends have driven by the place because they didn't recognize it - it's that different. It was just the result we were looking for."



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Hello friends! We are honored to feature two great families and their recent renovations in this fall issue. Matt and Julie Liebler entrusted us to design and build their new master suite addition to give them more room for their growing family. David Mutzabaugh and Story Levy wanted an entire new look for their outdated waterfront home in Bay Island.

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