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Home OF THE Month

Rebirth of a 1953 Myers Park Home



Adam Kaloz, design manager with Urban Building Group

Hampton Avenue in Myers Park has been known for generations as a family oriented street with a lot of neighborly interaction. Almost every home on the street can tell wonderful stories about days of old. The mature tree lined street frames a picturesque setting.

As younger families started occupying these 1950s homes the need for better use of space, and updates to changing lifestyles, became prevalent. Centrally located on Hampton Avenue is the Williamson family's home. Marshall Williamson met his beautiful wife Andrea in Raleigh, NC. After marrying and residing in Cotswold, Marshall moved his family to Myers Park, because he wanted to give his three wonderful children, Marshall Jr., Mollie and Sarah-Katherine, the opportunities and memories the neighborhood had once given him.



Rear of Williamson's home prior to renovations

After a few years of wrestling with how to best renovate their home, Andrea Williamson was introduced to Myers Park design-build company Urban Building Group through neighbors who successfully overcame similar challenges of family growth. Andrea worked closely with Urban Building Group's design manager Adam Kaloz as he redesigned how the overall home functions, while creating a very dynamic addition to the home. Adam, with his twenty years experience redesigning homes in Myers Park,

listened to the needs of the Williamson family.

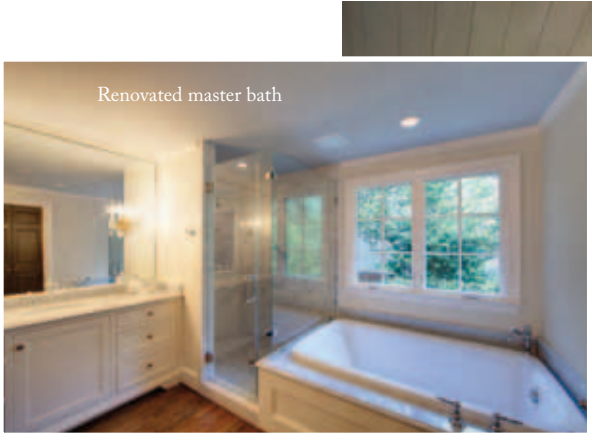
A new master suite was created on the main level of the home, maintaining privacy, yet offering easy access to the home's core and great views of the backyard and added covered veranda. A trey ceiling was added to give elegance and spaciousness. The suite has double walk-in closets, and new bath, with stack-able washer dryer. The warmth of the hardwoods continues into the bath. The tub



The newly renovated kitchen

base and frame-less shower are finished in marble giving a spa-like feel.

Once you enter the home, the renovated foyer and staircase give a framed view to the home beyond through a picturesque archway. The home's original parlor is now the new core of the home and breakfast area with built-in niches and integrated banquette. The original kitchen was small and did not function as a gathering space. The enlarged kitchen links the new butler's pantry, formal dining room and new mudroom, which is a necessity for a family with children. The rear wall of the home's original parlor now opens up to a sunken, inviting family room flooded with light from eight foot tall double French doors which give access to the new covered veranda.



Renovated master bath



The new covered veranda with new living room beyond

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Upstairs, three of the original bedrooms remain, but with new bathrooms and closet space. Above the addition, a spacious playroom overlooks the rear yard.

UBG worked with decorator Valerie Pressley to create the details that finish off the home and give it new found character. Andrea's new kitchen was fitted with custom cabinetry, aged brass hardware and cove crown moldings. Limestone tiles frame the triple window over the sink and act as backsplash throughout the kitchen. The new Monibello quartzite counters continue the fresh theme.

The Williamson's new covered veranda has become a great space for the family to end their days and a meeting place for the children and their neighborhood friends. The veranda was finished with tongue and grooved flooring and classic v-grooved ceiling, giving warmth yet permanence to the home rather than feeling deck-like. If the Williamsons don't answer their door bell, chances are they are out back enjoying some lemonade.

"After three years of dreaming and numerous plans and drawings to show for it, we realized that our simple renovation wasn't as simple as we envisioned. John Morgan and the UBG team very quickly helped us prioritize our wants and needs within our budget. They were able to clearly understand and embrace our desire to keep as much of the original house as possible. That's where they made the biggest impact! It's easy for a builder to come in demo everything and rebuild a whole new house but we bought the house because it really fits within the framework of Myers Park. The UGB Team embraced the idea of improving on the existing base rather than trying to create something totally new and squeeze too much square footage on the wrong lot. Their sense of place was a breath of fresh air and we now have a beautiful home to show for it." - **ANDREA WILLIAMSON**



View of new addition from Rear of home



View from rear of home prior to renovation



The Williamson Family

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