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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN MAY

Are you interested in becoming a homeowner but don't know where to begin? The Virginia Housing Development Authority and local nonprofits are offering free homeownership education classes throughout May 2011 in the Hampton Roads region.

Homeownership education classes cover topics including credit issues, personal finances, home inspections and the role of lenders and real estate agents. In addition to helping home buyers understand the home buying process, the completion of a homeownership education class is now required of all borrowers before applying for a VHDA home loan.

Attend one of the many free sessions below to learn about the advantages of homeownership.

Chesapeake

- May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Carol Lemon 757-233-6401.
- May 24, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 26, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Romaunda Scott Mitnual 757-233-6904. **You must attend both classes.**

Hampton

- May 10, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Hampton RHA, 1. South Armistead. For more information, contact Monique Jackson 757-727-1111.
- May 18, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and May 19, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at CCCS of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Drive, Ste 400. For more information, contact Michelle McRae 757-826-2227. **You must attend both classes.**

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- May 23, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and May 24, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Hampton RHA, 1. South Armistead. For more information, contact Monique Jackson 757-727-1111. **You must attend both classes.**

Newport News

- May 10, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Center, 392 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan 757-643-4086.
- May 12, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Newport News Shipyard (Navy), 4101 Washington Avenue. For more information, contact Freida Stallard 757-688-6289 **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants.**

Norfolk

- May 10, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing, 201 Granby Street. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford 757-314-4202. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Janef Library, 5900 E. Virginia Beach Blvd. #124. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson 757-313-4673.
- May 17, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 West 19th Steet. For more information, contact Jackie Cross 757-965-8657. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 18, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Naval Base FFSC, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102. For more information, contact Megan Sather or Wally Barstow 757-444-2102 **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants.**

Portsmouth

- May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High Street. For more information, contact Ernest Rolland 757-627-0864.
- May 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Churchland Branch Library, 4934 High Street, West. For more information, contact Sheila Campbell 757-483-9160.

Suffolk

- May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 530 East Pinner Street. For more information, contact Sherri Wilson 757-539-2100, ex. 305.

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Virginia Beach

- May 2, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 04, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**

Virginia Beach

- May 10, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. and May 12, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, 2400 Potters Road. For more information, contact Tanisha Davis 757-463-9516. **You must attend both classes.**

Virginia Beach

- May 21, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newtown Road. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch 757-285-1205.
- May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851.
- May 24, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 26, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**

Williamsburg

- May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Herron Payne Training & Marketing Center, 107 Bulifants Boulevard Suite D. For more information, contact Eilene Kondysar 757-250-3662.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit www.vhdafreeclass.com. A complete listing is also available in Spanish at www.clasegratisvhda.com. Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

About VHDA

VHDA is a self-supporting, not-for-profit organization created by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1972, to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. Our mortgages are funded by bonds we issue, not state taxpayer dollars, and are available primarily for first-time homebuyers and developers of quality rental housing. We also teach free homeownership classes, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. VHDA works with lenders, developers, local governments, community service organizations and others to help put quality housing within the reach of every Virginian.

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