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**VHDA'S FREE HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASS HELPS  
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA IN SEPTEMBER**

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or Online Classes at a Location Near You*

When Tara, a single mother living in Fredericksburg, VA, decided to buy her first home, the first step she took was taking a free first-time homebuyer class offered by VHDA. "The first-time homebuyer class prepared me to be a homebuyer by allowing me to get everything in order," she said. "I learned tons of information from VHDA's first time homebuyer class, including how to improve your credit score and to see if this was really a good decision for me or not. There's so much information to know when buying a home – without this class, I would have been lost."

Are you wondering how to navigate the home buying process but don't know where to begin? The Virginia Housing Development Authority and local nonprofits are offering free homeownership education classes throughout September 2011 in the Central Virginia region.

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.

**FORT LEE**

- September 13, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and September 15, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Fort Lee Army Base, 1231 Mahone Ave, Bldg. 9023. For more information, contact Linda Harvey 804-734-7852 or 734-7589. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants. You must attend both classes.**

**VHDA Homeownership Education  
Class Topics**

- Personal Finance
- Credit Issues
- Role of Lenders
- Role of Real Estate Agents
- The Closing Process
- Home Inspection

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## HIGHLAND SPRINGS

- September 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Redeeming Love Church, 6 East Nine Mile Road. For more information, contact Kathryn Simpson 804-521-6543.

## PETERSBURG

- September 10, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church/WPVA, 25720 Greenville Avenue. For more information, contact Velma Nicholas 804-862-2436.

## RICHMOND

- September 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Town Center (Conference Room), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson 804-296-2553
- September 13, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and September 15, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Virginia Housing Development Authority , 601 South Belvidere Street. For more information, contact Contact Center 877-843-2123. **You must attend both classes.**
- September 13, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and September 14, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Southside Community Developmet & Housing, 1624 Hull Street. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane 804-231-4449. **You must attend both classes.**
- September 17, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. Street. For more information, contact Freda Bolling 804-225-9255.
- September 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Virginia Supportive Housing, 1010 N Thompson Street, (Conference Room downstairs). For more information, contact Donna Stallings 804-525-1941.
- September 17, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Westover Hills Library, 1408 Westover Hills Boulevard. For more information, contact Marlene Austin 804-437-1253.
- September 24, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Town Center (Conference Room), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson 804-296-2553.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit [www.vhda.com/freeclass](http://www.vhda.com/freeclass). A complete listing is also available in Spanish at [www.clasegratisvhda.com](http://www.clasegratisvhda.com). Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

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