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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN MARCH

RICHMOND, Va. – 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 March 2010 in the Northern Virginia 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.

ALEXANDRIA

- March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 221), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264.
- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 219), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Thelma Brown (703) 372-5440.
- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 217), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Irma Garcia (703) 372-5440. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Christian Relief Services, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry (703) 246-5264 ext. 103.

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ARLINGTON

- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.
- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- March 6, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St. For more information, contact Deanna Woo (202) 256-4494.
- March 16 and 23, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. (Room 4-5). For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264. **You must attend both classes.**

FALLS CHURCH

- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Teri Brezner at (703) 671-5666 ext. 16.
- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Teri Brezner at (703) 671-5666 ext. 18. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FREDERICKSBURG

- March 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact VHDA contact center at (877) 843-2123. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- March 23 and 25, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central VA Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Don Willis at (540) 604-9943 ext. 10 and 14. **You must attend both classes.**

HERNDON

- March 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J. Martin Ross (571) 323-1438. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

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WOODBIDGE

- March 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact Rosy Vest (703) 580-8838. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at McCoart Administrative Building, 1 County Complex. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.
- March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.
- March 20, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins (703) 580-8838.

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.