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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN MARCH

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 2011 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 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Joanne Casal 703-372-5440.
- March 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 221 A-B), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham 703-246-5264.

ARLINGTON

- March 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Center, 2909 South 16th Street. For more information, contact Karen Serfis 703-527-3854.
- March 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Center (Spanish), 2909 South 16th Street. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez 703-527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- March 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Keller Williams Capital Properties, 10300 Eaton Place, Suite 120. For more information, contact Young Jung 709-861-2926.

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- March 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at New Star Realty & Investment, 8408 Arlington Blvd. For more information, contact Song Hutchins 301-760-7636.

FALLS CHURCH

- March 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, Ste 200. For more information, contact Jhoanna Zurita 703-671-5666, ext. 16.

FREDERICKSBURG

- March 15, 2011 and March 17, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Central Virginia Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Road. For more information, contact Brian Phelps 540-604-9943. **You must attend both classes.**

HERNDON

- March 12, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Connection of Hope, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 103. For more information, contact Laura Gutierrez-Cabrera 703-956-6722. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

MANASSAS

- March 5, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building , 7987 Ashton Avenue. For more information, contact 703-792-6289.

WOODBRIIDGE

- March 19, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building 15941 Donald Curtis Drive. For more information, contact 703-792-6289.

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.