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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS 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 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

- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Christian Embassy International Church, 1208 N. Centreville Turnpike. For more information contact Anne Woodson (757) 237-6426.
- March 20, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, 215 Las Gaviotas Blvd. For more information contact Jeff Washington (757) 558-2660.
- March 23 and 25, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Geneva Square Community Center, 700 Geneva Ave. For more information contact Kim Hatsy (757) 233-6402. **You must attend both classes.**

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- March 3, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Langley Village, 2 Foley St. For more information contact Carol Waldon (757) 764-5048. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active Duty Personnel, Reservist, the National Guard, Retirees, Veterans and Dependents.**
- March 24 and 25, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Ste 400. For more information contact Michelle McRae (757) 826-2227. **You must attend both classes.**

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- March 2 and 4, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Clark Center, 392 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan at (757) 643-4086. **You must attend both classes.**
- March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, 2702 Orcutt Ave. For more information, contact Janet Charity at (757) 245-6026.
- March 18, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Services Center, 1970 Von Steuben Dr. For more information, contact Faye Smith at (757) 887-4606. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

NORFOLK

- March 9 and 11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Norfolk RHA, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford (757) 314-4202. **You must attend both classes.**
- March 16, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Services Center, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102. For more information, contact Megan Sather (757) 444-2102. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation, Inc., 870 N. Military Highway, Suite 100. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673.
- March 20, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Interdenominational Christian Comm. Church, 2345 Indian River Rd. For more information, contact Shawnee Walker (757) 323-3820.

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- March 27, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Jordan Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Ave. For more information, contact Angelia Williams (757) 237-0494.
- March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation, Inc., 870 N. Military Highway, Suite 100. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

PORTSMOUTH

- March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High Street. For more information contact Miranda Wilkerson (757) 627-0864.
- March 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Churchland Branch Library, 3215 Academy Avenue. For more information contact Sheila Campbell (757) 483-9160.

SUFFOLK

- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk RHA, 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Wilson (757) 539-2100.
- March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk RHA, 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Wilson (757) 539-2100.

VIRGINIA BEACH

- March 16 and 18, 2010 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at VA Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Parkway, Suite 300. For more information, contact Dotty Acampora (757) 463-9516. **You must attend both classes**
- March 20, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newton Rd. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch (757) 285-1205.
- March 22 and 24, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Birdneck Business Suites 1206 Laskin Rd. Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbara Natoli (757) 287-2828. **You must attend both classes**

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- March 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Birdneck Business Suites 1206 Laskin Rd. Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbara Natoli (757) 287-2828
- March 27, 2010 from 10:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Stephen Zawisa Jr. (757) 589-1766.

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.