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### ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR RICHMOND 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 Richmond 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.

#### **CHESTERFIELD**

- March 20, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oak Forest Baptist Church, 5101 Courthouse Rd. For more information, contact Kimberly Gillikin (804) 778-7887.

#### **GLEN ALLEN**

- March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Rd. For more information, Rock White (804) 521-8948.
- March 23 and 24, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Center at 4224 Cox Rd. For more information, contact Gary Meyer (804) 545-4139. **You must attend both classes.**

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## **RICHMOND**

- March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Towne Center Mall, (beside JC Penny), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson (804) 869-3412.
- March 9 and 16, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Restoration Assemblies Church. For more information, contact Shonda Simmons (804) 212-9186.
- March 9, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and March 10, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Southside Community Development, 1624 Hull St. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane (804) 231-4449. **You must attend both classes.**
- March 9 and 11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 S. Belvidere St. For more information, contact 1-877vhda123. **You must attend both classes.**
- March 11 and 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Randolph Community Center, 1415 Grayland Ave. For more information, contact Leonard Gray (804) 448-9099. **You must attend both classes**
- March 13, 2010 from 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Westover Hills Library, 1408 Westover Hills Blvd. For more information, contact Tamesia Johnson (804) 334-8788.
- March 20, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. St. For more information, contact Freda Bolling (804) 225-9255.
- March 20, 2010 from 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Meadowdale Library, 4301 Meadowdale Blvd. For more information, contact Marlene Austin (804) 437-1253.
- March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Neighbor Works Resource Group, 2712 Chamberlayne Ave. For more information, contact Erika Payne (804) 329-2500.
- March 27, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Virginia Supportive Housing, 1010 N. Thompson St. For more information, contact Salathia Johnson (804) 836-1054.

## **PETERSBURG**

- March 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church/WPVA, 25720 Greensville Ave. For more information, contact Velma Nicholas (804) 862-2436.

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For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit [www.vhdafreeclass.com](http://www.vhdafreeclass.com) . 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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