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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN FEBRUARY***

**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 February 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**

- Feb. 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Greater Hampton Roads Realtor Association, 638 Independence Parkway, Suite 100. For more information, call (757) 473-2160.
- Feb. 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation, Inc., 820 Greenbrier Circle, Suite 4. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673.

### **HAMPTON**

- Feb. 2 and 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 1 S. Armistead Ave. For more information, contact Monique Jackson-Woodson at (757) 727-1111, ext. 303.
- Feb. 18 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Suite 400. For more information, contact Michelle McRae at (757) 826-2227.

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## NEWPORT NEWS

- Feb. 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Clark Center, 392 Maple Ave. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan at (757) 643-4086.
- Feb. 14, 2009 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.

## NORFOLK

- Feb. 10 and 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford at (757) 314-4202.
- Feb. 17 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact John Allen (757) 965-8657.
- Feb. 28, 2009 from 8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Lafayette Winona Middle School, 1701 Alsace Ave. For more information, contact T. Darlene Sawyer at (757) 335-2157.

## PORTSMOUTH

- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High St. For more information, contact Yvette Young at (757) 327-0864.
- Feb. 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison St. For more information, contact Alita Thomas at (757) 391-2932.

## SUFFOLK

- Feb. 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Winston at (757) 539-2100.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 10.
- Feb. 17 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 10.
- Feb. 19, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at NAS Oceana FFSC, 1896 Laser Rd, Suite 120. For more information, please contact George Olsen (757) 433-2912.  
**Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

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- Feb. 24 and 26, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Mary Covell at (757) 333-7889.

### **WILLIAMSBURG**

- Feb. 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at James City County Office of Housing, 5320 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. For more information, contact Shirley Johnston at (757) 259-5340.

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

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