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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN MAY 2009***

**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 May 2009 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**

- May 23, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, 884 Bells Mill Rd. For more information, contact Jeff Washington at 757-558-2660.
- May 30, 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**

- May 2, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd. For more information, contact Linda Smith at (757) 851-2149.

### **NEWPORT NEWS**

- May 9, 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.
- May 12, and 14, 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.

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- May 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Newport News Shipyard, 3101 Washington Ave. For more information, contact Freida Stallard at (757) 688-6289. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, Reservist, the National Guard, Retirees, Veterans, and Dependents.**
- May 30, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, Suite. 101, 12829 Jefferson Ave. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

## NORFOLK

- May 12 and 14, 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.
- May 13, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Fleet & Family Support Center, 7928 14<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 102. For more information, contact Megan Sather at (757) 322-9151. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, Reservist, the National Guard, Retirees, Veterans, and Dependents.**
- May 19 and 21, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 West 19<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact John Allen at (757) 965-8657.

## PORTSMOUTH

- May 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High St. For more information, contact Yvette Young at (757) 627-0864.
- May 30, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Churchland Branch Library, 3215 Academy Ave. For more information, contact Shelia Campbell at (757) 483-9160.

## SUFFOLK

- May 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Suffolk Redevelopment Housing Authority at 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Winston at (757) 539-2100.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- May 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, 4855 Princess Anne Rd. For more information, contact Monica Cross at (757) 484-0703.
- May 2, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Cameron Watkins at (757) 201-0618.
- May 5 and 7, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Windsor Woods Area Library. 3612 S. Plaza Trail. For more information, contact Robert Reaves at (757) 567-0661.

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- May 12 and 14, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Pkwy., Suite 300. For more information, please contact Dotty Acampora at (757) 463-9516.
- May 23, 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.
- May 26 and 28 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.

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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