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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN APRIL 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 April 2009 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

- April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, call (703) 246-5086.
- April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training, 2550 Huntington Ave., Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 317-9086, ext. 103.
- April 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Oak Tree Plaza, 6088-C Franconia Road. For more information, contact Norman Robles at (703) 220-3600.

ARLINGTON

- April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. For more information, contact Karen Serfis or Stephanie Buckley at (703) 527-3854.
- April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

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FAIRFAX

- April 1 and 8, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, call (703) 246-5087.
- April 21 and 28, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact (703) 246-5086.

FALLS CHURCH

- April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste. 200. For more information, contact Ivan Linero at (703) 671-5666, ext. 25. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

MANASSAS

- April 7, 14 and 21, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.
- April 18, 2009 from 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.

WOODBRIIDGE

- April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.
- April 18, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins at (703) 580-8838 ext. 04.
- April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15947 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Valerie Jones-Washington at (703) 792-6287.

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.

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