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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 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

- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Gail Lee at (703) 246-5086.
- Feb. 21, 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.
- Feb. 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Thelma Brown at (703) 372-5440. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

ARLINGTON

- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.
- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, please contact Rita Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854.

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FALLS CHURCH

- Feb. 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Suite 200. For more information, contact Ivan Linero at (703) 671-5666. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- Feb. 4 and 11, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact Gail Lee at (703) 246-5086.
- Feb. 10, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. For more information, contact Deanna Woo at (202) 256-4494.

FREDERICKSBURG

- Feb. 17 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Don Willis at (540) 604-9943.

HERNDON

- Feb. 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J. Martin Rios at (571) 323-1438.

LEESBURG

- Feb. 24 and 26, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Leesburg Safety Center, 65 Plaza St. For more information, contact Chris Vogel at (703) 777-0353.

MANASSAS

- Feb. 3, 10 and 17, 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.

WOODBRIIDGE

- Feb. 7, 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.
- Feb. 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Valerie Jones-Washington at (703) 792-6287.
- Feb. 21, 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.
- Feb. 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Developmental Services Building, 5 County Complex Ct. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit www.vhda.com.

Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

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