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

- April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Providence United Church of Christ, 2200 Vicker Ave. For more information, contact Robin Ferebee at 757-287-3915.
- April 7, 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, contact Misha Anthony at (757) 473-2160.
- April 11, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Carol Lemon at (757) 233-6401.
- April 25, 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**

- April 7 and 9, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Hampton RHA, 1 S. Armistead Ave. For more information, contact Monique Jackson-Woodson at (757) 727-111, ext. 303.
- April 15 and 16, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Suite 400.

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- April 7, and 9, 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.
- April 11, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, 2702 Orcutt Ave. For more information, contact Janet Charity at (757) 245-6026.
- April 25, 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

- April 2, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Navy Housing Office, 7924 14<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Michael Spoto at (757) 445-5039. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- April 14 and 16, 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.
- April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Faith International Christian Center, 610 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, contact James Davis Jr. at (757) 375-0146.
- April 21 and 23, 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.

## PORTSMOUTH

- April 11, 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.
- April 14 and 21 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison St. For more information, contact Alita Thomas at (757) 391-2932.

## SUFFOLK

- April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church, 806 Lincoln Ave. For more information, contact Catherine Winston at (757) 539-2100.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- April 4, 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.
- April 4, 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.

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- April 4, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Victory Church, 676 N. Witchduck Rd. For more information, contact Dana Edwards at (757) 589-7230.
- April 7 and 9, 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.
- April 11, 2009 from 9:00 p.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.
- April 20 and 22, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Victory Church, 676 N. Witchduck Rd. For more information, contact Dana Edwards at (757) 589-7230.
- April 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Tawanda Giles at (757) 635-0143.
- April 28 and 30, 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.

## **WILLIAMSBURG**

- April 7 and 9, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at James City County Office of Housing, 5320 Palmer Lane, Ste. 1A. For more information, contact Shirley Johnston at (757) 259-5340.

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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