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

**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 July 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**

- July 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Arthurine Peacock at (757) 233-6404.
- July 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**

- July 11, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd. For more information, contact Linda Smith at (757) 851-2149.

### **NEWPORT NEWS**

- July 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.
- July 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, 12829 Jefferson Ave, Suite 101. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

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## NORFOLK

- July 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.
- July 21, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Little Creek Amphibious Base, 1450 D. St. For more information, contact Jaime Forrest at (757) 462-7563. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

## PORTSMOUTH

- July 11, 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.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- July 7, and 9, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Windsor Woods Area Library, 3612 S. Plaza Trail. For more information, contact Robert Reaves at (757) 567-0661.
- July 7 and 9, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 20.
- July 11, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 20.
- July 14 and 16, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Pkwy, Suite 300. For more information, contact Dottie Acampora at (757) 463-9516.
- July 25, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newton Rd. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch at (757) 285-1205.

## YORKTOWN

- July 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, 1949 Von Steuben Dr. For more information, contact Faye Smith at (757) 887-4606.

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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