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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 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

- May 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5086.
- May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Thelma Brown Irma Garcia at (703) 372-5440. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**
- May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Pansy Delfi at (703) 372-5440.
- May 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training (Mount Vernon Room), 2550 Huntington Ave. Ste. 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 317-9086 ext. 103.
- May 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. at Oak Tree Plaza, 6088-C Franconia Rd. For more information, contact Norman Robles at (703) 220-3600.

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ARLINGTON

- May 2, 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.
- May 2, 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.**

FAIRFAX

- May 16, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, Room A, 10360 North Street. For more information, contact Deanna Woo at (202) 256-4494.
- May 21 and 26, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 2000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.

FALLS CHURCH

- May 30, 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 exclusively taught in Spanish.**

HERNDON

- May 23, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J. Martin Rios at (571) 323-1438. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

WOODBRIIDGE

- May 16, 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. 4.

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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