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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR  
RICHMOND AREA 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 in the Richmond area.

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.

**GLEN ALLEN**

- Feb. 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Rd. For more information, contact Rock White at (804) 521-8948.

**PETERSBURG**

- Feb. 7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 25720 Greensville Ave. For more information, contact Pauline Bonner at (804) 732-1052.

**RICHMOND**

- Feb. 5 and 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Randolph Community Center, 1415 Grayland Ave. For more information, contact Leonard Gray at (804) 448-9099.
- Feb. 7, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Richmond RHA, 200 Hospital St. For more information, contact Robert Jackson at (804) 780-4894.
- Feb. 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Town Center, 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson at (804) 869-3412.
- Feb. 10 and 11, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Southside Community Development and Housing, 1624 Hull St. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane at (804) 231-4449.

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- Feb. 10 and 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 S. Belvidere St. For more information, call the VHDA Customer Contact Center toll-free at 1-877-VHDA-123.
- Feb. 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Koger Center, 1021 Koger Center Blvd. For more information, contact Jackie Johnson at (804) 898-1336.
- Feb. 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at NeighborWorks Resource Group, 2712 Chamberlayne Ave. For more information, contact Erika Payne at (804) 329-2500, ext. 215.
- Feb. 17 and 18, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd. For more information, contact Gary Meyer at (804) 545-4139.
- Feb. 28, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R St. For more information, contact Freda Bolling at (804) 225-9255.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit [www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com).

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

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