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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN AUGUST 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 August 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

- August 4 and 6, 2009 from 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Greater Hampton Roads Realtor Association, 638 Independence Pkwy, Suite 100. For more information, call (757) 437-2160. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 22, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, 884 Bells Mill Rd. For more information, contact Jeff Washington at (757) 558-2660. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Library, 1214 Volvo Pkwy. For more information, contact Cindy Grassmyer at (757) 650-3613. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 25 and 27, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake Redevelopment Housing Authority, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Arthurine Peacock at (757) 233-6403. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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- August 3 and 4, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Hampton Redevelopment Housing Authority, 1 S. Armistead Blvd. For more information, contact Monique Jackson at (757) 727-1111, ext. 303. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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- August 1, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit Union, Member Education Center, Suite 110, 11742 Jefferson Ave. For more information, contact Kitty Simon at (757) 825-7112. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 4 and 6, 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. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, 2702 Orcutt Ave. For more information, contact Janet Charity at (757) 245-6026. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, 12829 Jefferson Ave, Suite 101. For more information, please contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

NORFOLK

- August 11, and 13, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 201 Granby St. For more information, please contact Sydney Pettyford at (757) 314-4202. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 18 and 20, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Up Center, 222 West 19th St. For more information, please contact John Allen at (757) 965-8657. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 26, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3: 00 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center, 7928 14th St. For more information, contact Megan Sather at (757) 332-9151. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.** Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation, Inc., 870 N. Military Highway, Suite 100. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

PORTSMOUTH

- August 8, 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. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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VIRGINIA BEACH

- August 1, 2009 from 9:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, 4855 Princess Anne Rd. For more information, contact Monique Cross at (757) 484-0703. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 22, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newtown Rd. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch at (757) 285-1205. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

SUFFOLK

- August 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk Redevelopment Housing Authority, 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Winston at (757) 539-2100. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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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