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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN NOVEMBER

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 November 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

- November 21, 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 (757) 558-2660.

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- November 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Center, 392 Maple Ave. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan (757) 643-4086.
- November 7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit Union, Member Education Center, Ste. 110, 11742 Jefferson Avenue. For more information, contact Kitty Simon (757) 825-7112.
- November 14, 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.
- November 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, 12829 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 101. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

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NORFOLK

- November 10 and 12, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Norfolk RHA, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford at (757) 314-4202.
- November 12, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3: 00 p.m. at Norfolk Naval Base, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102. For more information, contact Megan Sather at (757) 322-9151. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- November 17 and 19, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Lafayette Winona Middle School, 1710 Alsace Avenue. For more information, contact Darlene Lovern at (757) 335-2157.
- November 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation, 870 N. Military Highway, Suite 100. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673.
- November 30, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3: 00 p.m. at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 1450 D. Street. For more information, contact Jamie Forrest at (757) 462-7563. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

PORTSMOUTH

- November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Churchland Branch Library 3215 Academy Ave. For more information, contact Sheila Campbell at (757) 483-9160.
- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Charlestowne Community Center, 1590, Darren Circle. For more information, contact Marilyn Hill at (757) 465-3443.
- November 14, 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

- November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Princess Anne Library, 1444 Nimmo Pkwy. For more information, contact Stephen Zawisa Jr. at (757) 589-1766.
- October 3, 2009 from 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Oceanfront Area Library, 700 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Janice Boyd at (757) 724-1095.
- November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Eastern VA, 4855 Princess Anne Rd. For more information, contact Monique Cross at (757) 484-0703.
- November 9 and 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Birdneck Business Suites 1206 Laskin Rd. Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbra Natoli at (757) 287-2828.

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- November 10 and 12, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. VA Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Pkwy, Ste. 300. For more information, contact Dotty Acampora at (757) 463-9516.
- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Birdneck Business Suites 1206 Laskin Rd., Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbra Natoli at (757) 287-2828.
- November 21, 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.

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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