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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 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**

- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 221), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Thelma Brown at (703) 372-5440. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center (Room 221), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.
- November 14, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Oak Tree Plaza, 6088-C Franconia Rd. For more information, contact Norman Robles at (703) 220-3600.
- November 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 246-5264 ext. 103.

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## ARLINGTON

- November 7, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.
- November 7, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

## FAIRFAX

- November 24 and December 2, 2009 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.

## FALLS CHURCH

- November 21, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia. For more information, contact Ivan Linero at (703) 671-5666. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

## FREDERICKSBURG

- November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact the VHDA Contact Center at (877) 843-2123.
- November 17 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central VA Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Don Willis at (540) 604-9943 ext. 10 and 12.

## FRONT ROYAL

- November 4 and 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Housing Network, 115 Chester St. For more information, contact Lorie Noakes at (540) 622-2711.

## HERNDON

- November 14 at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J.Martin Rois at (571) 323-1438. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

## MANASSAS

- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. For more information, contact (703) 792-6287.
- November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The Open Door Housing Ministry of Word Alive Church, 8517 Rixview Avenue. For more information, contact Shelita Adams at (703) 369-6770.

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## **WOODBIDGE**

- November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.
- November 21, 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. 04.

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.