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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR  
RICHMOND 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 Richmond 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.

**ASHLAND**

- August 1, 2009 from 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 11206 Elmont Rd. For more information, contact Kathryn Simpson at (804) 281-3226. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

**GLEN ALLEN**

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

**RICHMOND**

- August 1, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority, 200 Hospital St. For more information, please contact Robert Jackson at (804) 780-4894. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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- August 8, 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.125. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 11 and 12, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Southside Community Development & Housing, 1624 Hull St. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane at (804) 231-4449. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 11 and 13, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 South Belvidere St. For more information, call 1-877-VHDA-123. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 17 and 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Koger Center, 1021 Koger Center Blvd. For more information, call Jackie Johnson at (804) 898-1336. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church (Southside), 3300 Broad Rock Blvd. For more information, call Delsena Sammons at (804) 304-3539. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Towne Center Mall (Class is located next to JC Penny), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson at (804) 869-3412. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 29, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. Street. For more information, contact Freda Bolling at (804) 225-9255. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Towne Center Mall (Class is located next to JC Penny), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Marianne Weddington (804) 330-9800. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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.

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