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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS 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 2010 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**

- February 23 and 25, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information contact Romaunda Scott Mitnual at (757) 233-6904. **You must attend both classes.**

### **HAMPTON**

- February 13, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd. For more information contact Linda Smith at (757) 643-4086.
- February 16 and 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Langley Village, 2 Foley St. For more information contact Monique Jackson at (757) 727-1111 ext. 303. **You must attend both classes.**
- February 24 and 25, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Suite 400. For more information contact Michelle McRae at (757) 826-2227. **You must attend both classes.**

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- February 2 and 4, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Clark Center, 392 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan at (757) 643-4086. **You must attend both classes.**
- February 13, 2010 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.
- February 27, 2010 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.

## NORFOLK

- February 3, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Navy Housing Office, 7924 14<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, contact Michael Spoto at (757) 445-5039. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- February 6, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Janaf Public Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. For more information, contact Rosemary Cauley (757) 270-9657.
- February 9 and 11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Norfolk RHA, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford at (757) 314-4202. **You must attend both classes.**
- February 20, 2010 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

## PORTSMOUTH

- February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison Street. For more information contact Wendy Hunter or Alita Thomas at (757) 391-2932.
- February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High Street. For more information contact Miranda Wilkerson at (757) 627-0864.
- February 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Churchland Branch Library, 3215 Academy Avenue. For more information contact Sheila Campbell at (757) 483-9160.

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## SUFFOLK

- February 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Suffolk RHA, 530 East Pinner St. For more information, contact Catherine Wilson at (757) 539-2100.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- February 2 and 4, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Windsor Woods Area Library, 3612 S. Plaza Trail. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. at (757) 301-1351. **You must attend both classes.**
- February 9 and 11, 2010 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at VA Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Parkway, Suite 300. For more information, contact Ashley Jarvis at (757) 463-9516. **You must attend both classes**
- February 13, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Shawnee Walker at (757) 323-3820.
- February 15 and 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Birdneck Business Suites, 1206 Laskin Rd., Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbara Natoli at (757) 287-2828. **You must attend both classes**
- February 20, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newton Rd. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch at (757) 285-1205.
- February 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Birdneck Business Suites, 1206 Laskin Rd., Suite 101. For more information, contact Barbara Natoli at (757) 287-2828.
- February 23, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Fleet & Family Service Center (FFSC), 1896 Laser Road, Suite 120. For more information contact George Olsen or Dean Brassington at (757) 433-2912.

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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