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***VHDA'S FREE HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASS HELPS  
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS IN HAMPTON ROADS IN AUGUST***

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or Online Classes at a Location Near You*

When Tara, a single mother living in Fredericksburg, VA, decided to buy her first home, the first step she took was taking a free first-time homebuyer class offered by VHDA. "The first-time homebuyer class prepared me to be a homebuyer by allowing me to get everything in order," she said. "I learned tons of information from VHDA's first time homebuyer class, including how to improve your credit score and to see if this was really a good decision for me or not. There's so much information to know when buying a home – without this class, I would have been lost."

Are you wondering how to navigate the home buying process but don't know where to begin? The Virginia Housing Development Authority and local nonprofits are offering free homeownership education classes throughout August 2011 in the Hampton Roads region.

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 23, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and August 25, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Highway for more information, contact Arthurine Peacock 757-233-6403. **You must attend both classes.**

**VHDA Homeownership Education  
Class Topics**

- Personal Finance
- Credit Issues
- Role of Lenders
- Role of Real Estate Agents
- The Closing Process
- Home Inspection

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## HAMPTON

- August 6, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Boulevard. For more information, contact Linda Smith 757-851-1022.
- August 29, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and August 30, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Hampton RHA, 1. South Armistead. For more information, contact Monique Jackson 757-727-1111. **You must attend both classes.**

## NEWPORT NEWS

- August 2, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. August 4, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Clark Center, 392 Maple Avenue. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan 757-643-4086. **You must attend both classes.**

## NORFOLK

- August 3, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Navy Housing Office, 7924 14th Street. For more information, contact Michael Spoto 757-445-5039. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants.**
- August 9, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and August 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing, 201 Granby Street. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford 757-314-4202. **You must attend both classes.**
- August 13, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Janef Library, 5900 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard #124. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson 757-652-7526.
- August 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and August 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 West 19th Street. For more information, contact Jackie Cross 757-965-8657. **You must attend both classes.**

## PORTSMOUTH

- August 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison Street. For more information, contact Wendy Hunter/Alita Thomas 757-391-2932.
- **August 8, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and August 10, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at The Center for Community Development, 440 High Street, #204. For more information, contact Kim Williams 757-399-0925. **You must attend both classes.**
- August 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High Street. For more information, contact Ernest Rolland 757-627-0864.
- August 27, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Churchland Branch Library, 4934 High Street, West. For more information, contact Sheila Campbell 757-483-9160.

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## SUFFOLK

- August 27, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 530 East Pinner Street. For more information, contact Sherri Wilson 757-539-2100, ex. 305.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- August 9, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. and August 11, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, 2400 Potters Road. For more information, contact Tanisha Davis 757-463-9516. **You must attend both classes.**
- August 9, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and August 11, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**
- August 17, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oceana Naval Base, 1896 Laser Road, Suite 120. For more information, contact George Olsen 757-433-2912. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants.**
- August 20, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newtown Road. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch 757-285-1205.
- August 20, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851.
- August 23, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and August 25, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**

## WILLIAMSBURG

- August 23, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and August 25, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at JCC Parks & Recreation Center, 5300 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. For more information, contact Caroline Rhodes 757-259-5340. **You must attend both classes.**

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit [www.vhda.com/freeclass](http://www.vhda.com/freeclass). 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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