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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN JULY

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 July 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

- July 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Hwy. For more information contact Carol Lennon (757) 233-6401.
- July 27 and 29, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Hwy. For more information contact Arthurine Peacock (757) 233-6904.

HAMPTON

- July 10, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd. For more information contact Linda Smith (757) 851-2149.
- July 21 and 22, 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 (757) 826-2227. **You must attend both classes.**

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- July 6 and 8, 2010 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

- July 1, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Support Center, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102 Blvd. For more information contact Megan Sather or Wally Bartsow (757) 444-2102.
- July 10, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson (757) 313-4673
- July 13 and 15, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Norfolk RHA, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford (757) 314-4202. **You must attend both classes.**
- July 13, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Service Center, 1970 Von Steuben Dr. For more information contact Faye Smith (757) 887-4606.
- July 20 and 22, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 West 19th St. For more information, contact John Allen (757) 965-8657. **You must attend both classes.**
- July 24, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson (757) 313-4673
- July 27 and 28, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Service Center, 1450 D St. For more information, contact Lisa Clark (757) 462-7563. **You must attend both classes. Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

PORTSMOUTH

- July 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High Street. For more information contact Miranda Wilkerson (757) 627-0864.
- July 31, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Churchland Branch Library, 3215 Academy Avenue. For more information contact Sheila Campbell (757) 483-9160.

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VIRGINIA BEACH

- July 12 and 14, 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 (757) 287-2828. **You must attend both classes**
- July 13 and 15, 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 Katherine Hentley (757) 463-9516. **You must attend both classes**
- July 20 and 22, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford, 2717 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner (757) 301-1351. **You must attend both classes**
- July 24, 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 (757) 287-2828.
- July 24, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newton Rd. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch (757) 285-1205 or Olivia Dabney (757) 487-0216.

WILLIAMSBURG

- July 27 and 29, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at JCC Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 5300 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. For more information, contact Caroline Rhodes (757) 259-5340.

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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