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

- July 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Class held in room 221 A/B. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264.
- July 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Class held in Room 219. For more information, contact Thelma Brown (703) 372-5440.
- July 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Class held in room 217. For more information, contact Irma Garcia (703) 372-5440. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

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## ARLINGTON

- July 31, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.

## FAIRFAX

- July 8 and 15, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. First night class will be held in Room 2 & 3; second night class will be held in Room 4 & 5. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264.
- July 17, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St. For more information, contact Deanna Woo (202) 256-4494.

## FALLS CHURCH

- July 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Suite 200. For more information, contact Teri Brezner at (703) 671-5666, ext.16.
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## FREDERICKSBURG

- June 10, 2010 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 toll-free at (877) 843-2123. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- July 20 and 22, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Brian Phelps at (540) 604-9943, ext. 14. **You must attend both classes.**

## HERNDON

- July 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact Minnie Orozco (571) 323-1410. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish**

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## **MANASSAS**

- July 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. Class will be held in the McCoy Conference Room. For more information, call (703) 792-6289.

## **WOODBIDGE**

- July 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive in the Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.
- July 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Freedom High School, 15201 Neabsco Mills Rd. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins-Byrd (703) 580-8838 ext. 03.

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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