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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR CENTRAL VIRGINIA IN APRIL***

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 April 2011 in the Central 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.

### **CHESTERFIELD**

- April 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and April 14, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Oak Forest Baptist Church (Basement), 5101 Courthouse Road. For more information, contact Kimberly Gillikin 804-778-7887. **You must attend both classes.**

### **FORT LEE**

- April 12, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and April 14, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Fort Lee Army Base, 1231 Mahone Ave, Bldg. 9023. For more information, contact James Jones 804-859-4532. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants. You must attend both classes.**

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## PETERSBURG

- April 2, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 25720 Greensville Avenue. For more information, contact Velma Nicholas 804-862-2436.

## RICHMOND

- April 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and April 14, 2011 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Virginia Housing Development Authority (RMBA), 601 South Belvidere Street. For more information, contact Contact Center 877-843-2123. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 12, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and April 13, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Southside Community Development & Housing, 1624 Hull Street. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane 804-231-4449. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. Street. For more information, contact Freda Bolling 804-225-9255.
- April 16, 2011 from 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM at Meadowdale Library, 4301 Meadowdale Blvd. For more information, contact Marlene Austin 804-437-1253.

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.

### **About VHDA**

VHDA is a self-supporting, not-for-profit organization created by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1972, to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. Our mortgages are funded by bonds we issue, not state taxpayer dollars, and are available primarily for first-time homebuyers and developers of quality rental housing. We also teach free homeownership classes, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. VHDA works with lenders, developers, local governments, community service organizations and others to help put quality housing within the reach of every Virginian.

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