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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN JUNE

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 June 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

- June 19, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, 215 Las Gaviotas Blvd. For more information contact Jeff Washington (757) 376-7280.
- June 26, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Hwy. For more information contact Carol Lennon (757) 233-6401.

HAMPTON

- June 14 and 15, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Hampton RHA, 1. South Armistead. For more information contact Monique Jackson (757) 727-1111 ext. 303. **You must attend both classes.**
- June 23 and 24, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Ste 400. For more information contact Michelle McRae (757) 826-2227. **You must attend both classes.**

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- June 5, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit Union, 11742 Jefferson Ave, Member Education Center Ste. 110. For more information, contact Kitty Simon (757) 825-7112.
- June 8 and 10, 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.**
- June 12, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, 2702 Orcutt Ave. For more information, contact Janet Charity (757) 245-6026.

NORFOLK

- June 8 and 10, 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.**
- June 15 and 17, 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.**
- June 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. For more information contact Yvonne Thompson (757) 313-4673
- June 24, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Navy Housing Office. 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

- June 12, 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.
- June 12, 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 (757) 391-2932.
- May 22, 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.

VIRGINIA BEACH

- June 15 and 17, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Oceanfront Area Library, 700 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner Jr. (757) 301-1351. **You must attend both classes**

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- June 16, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oceana Naval Base, Fleet & Family Service Center, 1896 Laser Road Suite 120. For more information, contact George Olsen or Dean Brassington (757) 433-2912. . **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- June 19, 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.
- June 21 and 23, 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**
- June 22 and 24, 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**
- June 26, 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.

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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