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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP EDUCATION CLASSES
SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN OCTOBER***

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

Homeownership education classes cover topics including personal finance, credit issues, the roles of lenders and real estate agents, the home inspection, and the closing process. 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

- October 22, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, 215 Las Gaviotas Boulevard. For more information, contact Jeff Washington 757-558-2660.

HAMPTON

- October 1, 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.

**VHDA Homeownership Education
Class Topics**

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

Sign up at www.vhda.com/freeclass

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- October 4, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 5, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Langley Air Force Base, 11 Burrell Loop Road. For more information, contact David Kea 757-764-5048. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants. You must attend both classes.**

NEWPORT NEWS

- October 4, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 6, 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.**
- October 22, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit Union, 11742 Jefferson Avenue. For more information, contact Kitty Simon 757-825-7112.

NORFOLK

- October 8, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Janef Library, 5900 East Virginia Beach Boulevard. #124. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson 757-652-7526.
- October 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 13, 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.**
- October 18, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Naval Base FFSC, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102. For more information, contact Megan Sather or Wally Barstow 757-444-2102. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants.**
- October 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 20, 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

- October 8, 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.
- October 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison Street. For more information, contact Wendy Hunter 757-391-2932. **You must attend both classes.**
- October 22, 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.
- October 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Seaboard Square Community Center, 2847 Berkley Avenue. For more information, contact Tracy Brown 866-975-8722, ext. 87.

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SUFFOLK

- October 15, 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.

VIRGINIA BEACH

- October 3, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and October 5, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford Incorporated, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**
- October 11, 2011 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. and October 13, 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.**
- October 15, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at NAACP Headquarters Office, 868 N. Newtown Road, Building D, #870. For more information, contact Gayle Lynch 757-285-1205.
- October 15, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Beach Ford Incorporated, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr 757-652-5851.
- October 25, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and October 27, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Ford Incorporated, 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, contact Robert Ashburner, Jr. 757-652-5851. **You must attend both classes.**

WILLIAMSBURG

- October 25, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 27, 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.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit www.vhda.com/freeclass. 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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