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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN APRIL

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 April 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

- April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 N. Military Highway. For more information contact Arthurine Peacock (757) 233-6403.

HAMPTON

- April 19 and 20, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Langley Village, 2 Foley St. For more information contact Monique Jackson (757) 727-1111 ext. 303. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 21 and 22, 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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- April 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 at (757) 643-4086. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 10, 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 at (757) 245-6026.

NORFOLK

- April 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.**
- April 17, 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.
- April 17, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Interdenominational Christian Comm. Church, 2345 Indian River Rd. For more information, contact Shawnee Walker (757) 323-3820.
- April 20 and 21, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 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.**
- April 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.**

PORTSMOUTH

- April 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.
- April 13 and 20, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison St. For more information, contact Wendy Hunter (757) 391-2932. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 24, 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

- April 10, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's Church, 5345 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, contact Luz Rios (757) 344-0105.
- April 17, 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.
- April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Rd. For more information, contact Rosemary Cauley (757) 270-9657.
- April 19 and 21, 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**
- April 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 Jr. (757) 301-1351. **You must attend both classes**
- April 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.
- April 27 and 29, 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**

WILLIAMSBURG

- April 19 and 21 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at JCC Parks & Recreation, 5300 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. For more information, contact Caroline Rhodes (757) 259-5340. **You must attend both classes.**

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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