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

- April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Christian Relief Services, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry (703) 246-5264 ext. 103.

### **ARLINGTON**

- April 17, 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.
- April 17, 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 Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

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## **FAIRFAX**

- April 2, 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.
- April 20 and 28, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. (Room 4-5). For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264. **You must attend both classes.**
- April 24, 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**

- April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Teri Brezner at (703) 671-5666 ext. 16.
- April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Teri Brezner at (703) 671-5666 ext. 18. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

## **FREDERICKSBURG**

- April 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 VHDA contact center at (877) 843-2123.
- April 20 and 22, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central VA Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Don Willis at (540) 604-9943 ext. 10 and 14. **You must attend both classes.**

## **MANASSAS**

- April 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. Class held in McCoy Conference Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.

## **WOODBRIIDGE**

- April 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.

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- April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins (703) 580-8838.

## **WINCHESTER**

- April 10, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Timbrook Public Safety Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 231 E. Piccadilly St. For more information, contact Lorie Noakes (540) 622-2711.

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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