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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN MAY

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 May 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

- May 22, 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.
- May 25 and 27, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Chesapeake RHA, 1468 S. Military Hwy. For more information contact Arthurine Peacock (757) 233-6904. **You must attend both classes.**

HAMPTON

- May 4 and 6, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Library, 227 Fox Hill Rd. For more information contact Peggy Todd (757) 869-9069. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 8, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd. For more information contact Linda Smith (757) 851-2149.
- May 26 and 27, 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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- May 4 and 6, 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.**
- May 8, 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

- May 5, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Norfolk Navy Housing Office. For more information, contact Michael Spoto (757) 445-5039. **You must attend both classes. Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- May 11 and 13, 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.**
- May 15, 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.
- May 19, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Fleet & Family Service Center, 7928 14th Street, Suite 102. For more information contact Megan Sather (757) 444-2102. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- May 18 and 20, 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

- May 8, 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.
- 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

- May 11 and 13, 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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- May 15, 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.
- May 17 and 19, 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**
- May 18 and 20, 2010 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at VA Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Pkwy, Suite 300. For more information, contact Katherine Hentley (757) 463-9516. **You must attend both classes**
- May 18 and 20, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Heather Todd (757) 498-4488. **You must attend both classes**
- May 22, 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.

May 25 and 26, 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**

WILLIAMSBURG

- May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at JCC Parks & Recreation, 5300 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt (757) 875-0060.

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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