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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR RICHMOND 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 Richmond 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.

### **GLEN ALLEN**

- May 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Rd. For more information on attending, Rock White (804) 521-8948.
- May 11 and 12, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd. For more information, contact Gary Meyer (804) 545-4139. **You must attend both classes.**

### **RICHMOND**

- May 1, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority, 200 Hospital St. For more information, contact Robert Jackson (804) 780-4894.

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- May 3 and 5, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 S. Belvidere St. For more information, contact Frank Curbiera 1-877-843-2123. **You must attend both classes. This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- May 8, 2010 from 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Meadowdale Library, 4301 Meadowdale Blvd. For more information, contact Marlene Austin (804) 437-1253.
- May 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Towne Center Mall, (beside JC Penny), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson (804) 869-3412.
- May 11 and 13, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 S. Belvidere St. For more information, contact 1-877vhda123. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 11, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 12, 2010 from 3:00 pm. – 6:00 p.m. at Southside Community Development & Housing, 1624 Hull St. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane (804) 231-4449. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 11 and 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Kroger Center, 1021 Kroger Center Blvd. For more information, contact Jackie Johnson (804) 898-1336. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 13 and 20, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Randolph Community Center, 1415 Grayland Ave. For more information, contact Leonard Gray (804) 448-9099. **You must attend both classes**
- May 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. St. For more information, contact Freda Bolling (804) 225-9255.

## **PETERSBURG**

- May 1, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church/WPVA, 25720 Greensville Ave. For more information, contact Velma Nicholas (804) 862-2436.

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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