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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR CENTRAL VIRGINIA IN MAY

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 2011 in the Central 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.

CHESTERFIELD

- May 17, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Oak Forest Baptist Church (Basement), 5101 Courthouse Road. For more information, contact Kimberly Gillikin 804-778-7887. **You must attend both classes.**

FORT LEE

- 05/10/2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 12, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Fort Lee Army Base, 1231 Mahone Ave, Bldg. 9023. For more information, contact James Jones 804-859-4532. **Open to valid military I.D. cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependants. You must attend both classes.**

PETERSBURG

- May 7, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 25720 Greensville Avenue. For more information, contact Velma Nicholas 804-862-2436.

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RICHMOND

- May 7, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Richmond RHA (Large Conference Room), 901 Chamberlayne Pkwy. For more information, contact Robert Jackson 804-780-4894.
- May 10, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and May 12, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 South Belvidere Street. For more information, contact Contact Center 877-843-2123. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 10,2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 11, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Southside Community Developmet & Housing, 1624 Hull Street. For more information, contact Reginald Mebane 804-231-4449. **You must attend both classes.**
- May 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at East End Branch Richmond Public Library, 2414 R. Street. For more information, contact Freda Bolling 804-225-9255.
- May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesterfield Town Center (Conference Room), 11500 Midlothian Turnpike. For more information, contact Alfreda Wonson 804-869-3412.

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.

About VHDA

VHDA is a self-supporting, not-for-profit organization created by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1972, to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. Our mortgages are funded by bonds we issue, not state taxpayer dollars, and are available primarily for first-time homebuyers and developers of quality rental housing. We also teach free homeownership classes, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. VHDA works with lenders, developers, local governments, community service organizations and others to help put quality housing within the reach of every Virginian.

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