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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR
NORTHERN 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 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

- May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Joanne Casal 703-372-5440.

ARLINGTON

- May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Center, 2909 South 16th Street For more information, contact Karen Serfis 703-527-3854.
- May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Walter Reed Center (Spanish), 2909 South 16th Street. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez 703-527-3854 **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- May 14, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street. For more information, contact Lana Rosenberg 703-472-5121.
- May 28, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at New Star Realty & Investment, 8408 Arlington Blvd. For more information, contact Song Hutchins 301-760-7636.

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FALLS CHURCH

- May 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Hispanic Committee of Virginia, Ste 200. For more information, contact Jhoanna Zurita 703-671-5666, ext. 16.

FREDERICKSBURG

- May 7, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Bragg Hill Community Coalition, 400 Bragg Hill Drive. For more information, contact Phil Parr 240-274-7028.
- 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 Central VA Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Road. For more information, contact Brian Phelps 540-604-9943. **You must attend both classes.**

MANASSAS

- May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building (VA Cooperative Ext.), 7987 Ashton Avenue. For more information, contact 703-792-6289.

STERLING

- May 23, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and May 25, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. For more information, contact Chris Vogel 703-777-0353. **You must attend both classes.**

WOODBRIIDGE

- May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building (VA Cooperative Extension), 15941 Donald Curtis Drive for more information, contact 703-792-6289.
- May 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins-Byrd 703-580-8838.

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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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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