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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN JUNE 2009***

**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 June 2009 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**

- June 2 and 4, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Greater Hampton Roads Realtor Association, 638 Independence Parkway, Suite 100. For more information, call (757) 473-2160.
- June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 1468 S. Military Highway. For more information, contact Michele Wilson at (757) 233-6404.
- June 13, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Community Center, 2019 Windy Rd. For more information, contact Paula Moore at (757) 971-2838.
- June 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at House of Hope Foundation Inc., 820 Greenbrier Circle, Suite 4. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673.
- June 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority Empowerment Center, 3001 Welcome Rd. For more information, contact Romaunda Scott-Mitnaul at (757) 233-6900.

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## HAMPTON

- June 1 and 2, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 1 S. Armistead Ave. For more information, contact Monique Jackson-Woodson at (757) 727-1111, ext. 303.
- June 17 and 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Hampton Roads, 2021 Cunningham Dr., Suite 400. For more information, contact Michelle McRae at (757) 826-2222.

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- June 2 and 4, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Clark Center, 392 Maple Ave. For more information, please contact Dorothy Buchanan at (757) 643-4086.
- June 6, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit Union, Member Education Center, Suite 110, 11742 Jefferson Ave. For more information, contact Kitty Simon (757) 825-7112.
- June 13, 2009 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

- June 4, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Navy Housing Office, 7924 14<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Michael Spoto at (757) 445-5039. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**
- June 9, and 11, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 201 Granby St. For more information, contact Sydney Pettyford at (757) 314-4202.
- June 16 and 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact John Allen (757) 965-8657.

## PORTSMOUTH

- June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Effingham Plaza, 715 Madison St. For more information, contact Alita Thomas at (757) 391-2932.
- June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High St. For more information, contact Yvette Young at (757) 627-0864.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

- June 9, and 11, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Princess Anne Library, 1444 Nimmo Pkwy. For more information, contact Mary Covell at (757) 333-7889.

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- June 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 20.
- June 23 and 25, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 20.

## **WILLIAMSBURG**

- June 27, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at James City County Community Recreation Center. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

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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