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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR HAMPTON ROADS IN MARCH

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 March 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

- March 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Geneva Square Community Center, 700 Geneva Ave. For more information, contact Kim Doiron at (757) 233-6402.
- March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Empowerment Center, 3001 Welcome Rd. For more information, contact Romaunda Scott-Mitnaul at (757) 233-6904 or (757) 233-6900.
- March 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the House of Hope Foundation Inc., 820 Greenbrier Circle, Suite 4. For more information, contact Yvonne Thompson at (757) 313-4673.

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- March 3 and 5, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Clark Center, 392 Maple Ave. For more information, contact Dorothy Buchanan at (757) 643-4086.
- March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the YWCA of the Virginia Peninsula, 2702 Orcutt Ave. For more information, contact Janet Charity at (757) 245-6026.
- March 21, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Langley Federal Credit, Member Education Center, Suite 110, 11742 Jefferson Ave. For more information, contact Kitty Simon at (757) 825-7112.
- March 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, Suite 101, 12829 Jefferson Ave. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

NORFOLK

- March 10 and 12, 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.
- March 17 and 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Up Center, 222 W. 19th St. For more information, contact John Allen (757) 965-8657.
- March 17 and 18, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 1450 D. St. For more information, contact Jamie Forrest at (757) 462-7563. **Open to valid military I.D cardholders: Active duty personnel, reservists, National Guard, retirees, veterans and dependents.**

PORTSMOUTH

- March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Urban League of Hampton Roads, 3225 High St. For more information, contact Yvette Young at (757) 627-0864.

VIRGINIA BEACH

- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Community Housing Partners, 911 First Colonial Rd. For more information, contact Luxmy Panzardi at (757) 422-9664, ext. 10.
- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, 4855 Princess Anne Rd. For more information, contact Monica Cross at (757) 484-0703.
- March 10 and 12 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Windsor Woods Area Library, 3612 S. Plaza Trail. For more information, contact Robert Reeves at (757) 567-0661.

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- March 24 and 26, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Dr. For more information, contact Mary Covell at (757) 333-7889.
- March 24 and 26, 2009 from 5:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. at Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, 2700 International Parkway, Suite 300. For more information, contact Dottie Acampora at (757) 463-9516.

WILLIAMSBURG

- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at James City Community Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Rd. For more information, contact Rebecca Wirt at (757) 875-0060.

YORKTOWN

- March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the York County Administration Center, 224 Ballard St. For more information, contact Tracy Pierce at (757) 890-0385.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit www.vhda.com.

Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

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