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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 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**

- June 6, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.
- June 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training (Mount Vernon Room), 2550 Huntington Ave., Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 317-9086, ext. 103.

**ARLINGTON**

- June 6, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.

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- June 6, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Rita Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

#### **FAIRFAX**

- June 3 and 10, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Room 2 & 3. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.
- June 18 and 25, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Room 4 & 5. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.

#### **FALLS CHURCH**

- June 15 and 17, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Winter Hill Apartments, 330-B S. Virginia Ave. For more information, contact Karen Serfis or Stephany Nagy at (703) 527-3854.
- June 27, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Suite 200. For more information, contact Ivan Linero at (703) 671-5666 ext. 25. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

#### **HERNDON**

- June 27, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J. Martin Rios at (571) 323-1438.

#### **WOODBRIIDGE**

- June 6, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Valerie Jones-Washington at (703) 792-6287.
- June 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins at (703) 580-8838, ext. 4.

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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