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FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA 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 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

- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, call (703) 246-5087.
- March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Thelma Brown at (703) 372-5440. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**
- March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at South Country Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Pansy Delfi at (703) 372-5440.
- March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training, 2550 Huntington Ave, Ste. 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 317-9086, ext. 103.

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ARLINGTON

- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. For more information, contact Karen Serfis or Stephanie Buckley at (703) 527-3854.
- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- March 4 and 11, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. For more information, call (703) 246-5087.
- March 14, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. Room A. For more information, contact Deanna Woo at (202) 256-4494.

FALLS CHURCH

- March 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste. 200. For more information, contact Ivan Linero at (703) 671-5666, ext. 25. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.**

MANASSAS

- March 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 8033 Ashton Ave. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.

STERLING

- March 21, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Sterling, 21449 Potomac View Rd. For more information, call (703) 753-5158.

WOODBRIIDGE

- March 3, 10, and 17, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15947 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Joe Botta at (703) 792-6287.
- March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15947 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Valerie Jones-Washington at (703) 792-6287.
- March 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15947 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, contact Charlene Watkins at (703) 580-8838.

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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