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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN AUGUST***

**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 August 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**

- August 1, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 15, 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. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

### **ARLINGTON**

- August 1, 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 (703) 527-3854. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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- August 1, 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 Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.** Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **FAIRFAX**

- August 15, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 N. St. For more information, contact Deanna Woo (202) 256-4494. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **FALLS CHURCH**

- August 29, 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 Fiorella Fernandini-Hall at (703) 671-5666. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.** Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **FREDERICKSBURG**

- August 1, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact the VHDA Contact Center at (877) VHDA-123. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 29, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact the VHDA Contact Center at (877) VHDA-123. **This class is exclusively taught in Spanish.** Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **HERNDON**

- August 22, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St. For more information, contact J. Martin Rios at (571) 323-1438. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **LEESBURG**

- August 3 and 5 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Leesburg Safety Center, 65 Plaza St. For more information, contact Chris Vogel at (703) 777-0353. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

#### **MANASSAS**

- August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sudley North Government Building, 7987 Ashton Ave. For more information, call (703) 792-6289. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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## WOODBIDGE

- August 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building (VA Cooperative Extension), 15941 Donald Curtis Dr. For more information, call (703) 792-6289. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.
- August 15, 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. Please click here for [Google Map](#) of location.

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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