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Homeownership Month recognized statewide by nonprofits and governmental agencies

Richmond, VA – June is National Homeownership Month, a time to recognize the importance of homeownership as part of the American dream, and to promote homeownership among low- to moderate-income families.

This year many local government and nonprofit organizations are putting together events and activities designed to prepare Virginians for the largest purchase they may ever make. Workshops such as *Credit Counts*, *Keys to Homeownership*, and *The Homeownership Process* are a few being held in the Richmond area, while Northern and Southside Virginia organizations are hosting similar events.

“Purchasing a home is one of the biggest decisions some families may ever make,” said DHCD Director Bill Shelton.

“While many families are struggling with the possibility of foreclosures today, we know that homeownership education pays dividends everyday in helping families purchase and maintain their homes - from understanding the basics of financial management, improving your credit score, and putting away money into savings.”

Many programs, such as the [Virginia Individual Development Accounts](#) program (VIDA), require participants to complete financial literacy and homeownership education programs, in addition to providing two years for participants to save for their goal. The VIDA program provides eligible, low-income individuals with a savings match of two dollars to every one dollar saved, up to \$4,000. The money can be used toward a down payment on their first home.

A sample of regional Homeownership Month events is listed below. For more information about these events, for story ideas, or to learn more about VIDA, contact (804) 371-7000.

Richmond Region Events

- **Homeownership Month Kick-Off celebration**

June 7, 11 a.m.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
301 East 16th Street, Richmond VA
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **Open Houses – Guided Tours**

June 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 a.m.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
301 East 16th Street, Richmond VA
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **Free Foreclosure Prevention Mortgage Clinic**

June 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force
Greater Richmond Convention Center
403 N. Third Street, Richmond
www.virginiaforeclosureprevention.com

- **RRHA Showcase of Homes**

June 14, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Self-guided tour of RRHA/partners homes – contact RRHA for details.
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **RRHA Agency Wide Staff Meeting**

June 16. 1:30 p.m.

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority
300 East 15th Street
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

Homeownership Workshops

- **“Own your own home,”** *presented by Wachovia Bank*

June 3, 9 a.m.

200 Hospital Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **“Steps to Homeownership,”** *presented by VHDA*

June 12, 6 p.m.

601 S. Belvidere Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **“Keys to Homeownership”**

June 18, 1 p.m.

200 Hospital Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **“Credit Counts,”** *presented by New Visions – New Ventures*

June 18, 6 p.m.

200 Hospital Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **“Homeownership Orientation,”** *presented by The Home Center*

June 21, 11:30 a.m.
1820 Maury Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

- **“The Homeownership Process,”** *presented by First Citizens Bank*
June 26, 6 p.m.
700 s. Lombardy Street, Community Room, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org
- **“Homeownership Education,”** *presented by Southside Community Development and Housing Corporation*
June 30, 6 p.m.
1820 Maury Street, Richmond
(804) 780-4167, www.rrha.org

Northern Virginia Events

- **Free Foreclosure Prevention Mortgage Clinic**
June 21, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force
Chantilly High School
4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly
www.virginiaforeclosureprevention.com
- **VHDA Homeownership Education class**
June 14
Homestretch, Inc.
370 S. Washington Street, Falls Church
(703) 237-2035, www.homestretch-inc.org
- **VHDA Homeownership Education class**
June 21
ECDC EDG
901 South Highland Street, Arlington
(703) 685-0510, www.entdevgroup.org
- **Free Foreclosure Prevention Mortgage Clinic**
June 21, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force
Northern Virginia Community College – Woodbridge Campus
15200 Neabsco Mills Road, Woodbridge
www.virginiaforeclosureprevention.com

Eastern Events

- **Home Builders Blitz – 2008/Habitat for Humanity**
(16 homes in five days)
June 2 - 6
Habitat for Humanity – South Hampton Roads

www.shrhabitat.org

- **Free Foreclosure Prevention Mortgage Clinic**
June 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force
Larkspur Middle School
4696 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach
www.virginiaforeclosureprevention.com
- **Homeownership Orientation Class**
June 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority
23372 Front Street, Accomack
www.a-npdc.org
- **Growing Your Money**
June 26, 6 – 8 p.m.
Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority
23372 Front Street, Accomack
www.a-npdc.org

Roanoke Area

- **Free Foreclosure Prevention Mortgage Clinic**
June 14, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force
Roanoke Higher Education Center – Claude Moore Education Complex
108 N. Jefferson Street, Roanoke
www.virginiaforeclosureprevention.com

Southside Virginia Events

- **Sunnybrooke II affordable housing development opening celebration**
June 23, 10 a.m.
Southside Outreach Group
200 Myrtle Street, South Boston
(434) 572-9556
- **Open House: Preserving the American Dream – Obtaining and Maintaining Homeownership**
June 19
Telamon Corporation
111 Henry Street, Gretna
(434) 656-8357, www.telamon.org

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