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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

For What It's Worth is a service for members of the Oklahoma Homebuyer Education Association. We welcome your responses or other information you would like to share with us. Send items to Tricia Auberle at HomebuyerEd@okacaa.org

Northeast Oklahoma Alliance for Economic Inclusion holds its first quarterly meeting January 30 at OSU-Tulsa in the North Hall, B.S. Roberts Room 151 from 7:45 – 10:45 am. Continental breakfast is provided. Registration is required. Those who are interested in the event and/or the Alliance should contact Gloria Reynolds, FDIC Community Affairs Specialist at glreynolds@FDIC.gov.

The AEI is a major, nationwide initiative coordinated by the FDIC to bring together financial institutions and other partners to increase the financial capability of consumers. They actively promote the development and delivery of low-cost, competitive financial products. The new AEI will be centered in Tulsa and focus on the twenty-three counties in the northeastern quadrant of the State.

Freddie Mac is offering a free webinar for non-profit housing counselors only. "Freddie Mac Standard Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Overview for Housing Counselors" will be offered at 9:00 am Central Time on February 5, 12, 19 and 26 and at 1:00 pm Central Time on February 7, 14, 21 and 28. OHEA CHEPs can earn 2 hours of continuing education credit for this webinar. Register at <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

Comprehensive Continuing Education. OHEA members have responded in sufficient number to ensure we will hold OHEA Comprehensive Continuing Education this spring. Those who have already notified me of their interest should receive an email asking for your preferences for dates for the class. Please contact me if you do not receive an invitation or if you have not yet expressed interest but would like to have input into the dates.

This is the third year we have offered this class. Each year we cover three or four of the Basic Elements of Homebuyer Education and one or two training skills. This year will feature renewed study and updates on Shopping for a Home, From Contract to Closing, and Home Maintenance. We will also look at methodologies for controlling guest speakers and workshop participants. The class is scheduled over two days, starting late on day one and ending early on day two to allow travel time for an extended area.

Changes to HECM Counseling Certification. HUD has changed from NeighborWorks to PAVR Software Solution LLC to administer HECM testing. Online proctors and webcams reduce the cost to the individual taking the test. PAVR provides all the necessary equipment to take the exam and the test cost will remain the same. Agencies or individuals will need to have internet access that has the capabilities described at <http://proctoru.com/tech.php>. The exam can be scheduled at supportteam@netcertification.com.

Don't forget to send us your workshop schedules, please! Click on the workshop schedule at www.HomebuyerEducation.info if you are uncertain whether you have already sent it. We have posted everything that has come in so far. Notify us if you no longer offer homebuyer education and we will remove you from our lists.

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