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HRA, libraries team up for foreclosure workshops

The Washington County Library and the Washington County HRA are offering free Foreclosure Counseling & Information Workshops to anyone who wants to ask questions and get advice from trained foreclosure prevention counselors.

Anyone who is behind on their mortgage, anyone who is worried about keeping up with mortgage payments, and anyone who wants to know more about the foreclosure process should attend the workshops. Anyone worried about foreclosure should seek help immediately, as waiting may limit options.

The workshops are open houses with no pre-registration is required. The workshop will include a 45-minute presentation summarizing the foreclosure process. Participants will also have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a foreclosure prevention counselor. It will help the counselor to respond to any concerns participants have if they bring the following any communication received from a lender or loan servicer; proof of income (e.g. recent pay stub); and a copy of the mortgage statement.

Workshops will be:

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Oakdale Library, 1010 Heron Ave. N., Oakdale.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Cottage Grove Park Grove Library, 7900 Hemingway Ave. S., Cottage Grove.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Wildwood Library, 763 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, Bayport Public Library, second floor meeting room, 582 N. Fourth St, Bayport.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, Hardwood Creek Library, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.

“The value in speaking to a county foreclosure prevention counselor is identifying options,” said Barbara Dacy, Executive Director of the HRA. “More than 60 percent of households that have worked with one of the prevention counselors in 2009 have avoided foreclosure.”

Residents need not wait for the workshops to act. For more information or to speak with a foreclosure prevention counselor immediately, call the Washington County HRA’s foreclosure intake line at 651-458-0936 ext. 542 or see www.wchra.com.

For more information about the Washington County Library, see www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/library/ or call 651-275-8500.