



# NewsBriefs

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## AHC's Summer Camp Builds Literacy and Broadens Horizons

*Almost 200 children and teens are enjoying AHC's Summer Camps at eight locations in Arlington and Baltimore.*

Designed to reduce learning loss over the summer, AHC's Summer Camp combines educational and fun activities. Literacy-building projects include reading group journals, book buddies (older kids reading with younger children), pen pals (students writing to other youngsters in another camp), and skit writing. Field trips include visiting the Smithsonian (pictured), local parks, the zoo, Navy Yard, and more.

Help is always appreciated. Click [here](#) to see our "Wish List" of needed materials or [here](#) to donate.



## Arlington's Down Payment Assistance for Low-Income Residents Just Got Better - Now Approved to Pair with FHA Loans

*Program provides second trust mortgages for first-time buyers*

The [Moderate Income Purchase Assistance Program \(MIPAP\)](#) offers first-time, Arlington homebuyers loans up to 25 percent of the home's sale price or \$90,700, whichever is lower, for downpayment and closing costs. HUD recently approved pairing MIPAP loans with FHA mortgages, providing more flexibility for borrowers who are interested in using both tools. For more information, contact Jimmie Jones, [jjones@ahcinc.org](mailto:jjones@ahcinc.org) or 703-486-0626 ext. 124.

## Phase One of Westover Renovation Completed

*Historic renovation of 1940s property expected to wrap up in 2010*

The first phase - 58 units - of renovations at AHC's [Westover Apartments](#) has been completed, including new kitchens, baths, windows, electrical, plumbing, individual hot water heaters, individual HVAC systems and new roofs. The seven-acre, garden-style community includes 153 units on Washington Boulevard in Arlington.

## Affordable Housing in the News

[One More Fight for a Housing Authority](#), *Washington Post*, July 9, 2009; discusses the movement to create a housing authority in Arlington County and includes photos of The Shelton, AHC's apartment community in Nauck.

[Repair, Renovate or Buy Your First Home - Programs Available to Residents with Limited Incomes](#), *Arlington Citizen*, July/August 2009 (English p. 2; Spanish p. 8)

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