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## BRINGING BACK THE MADNESS AT KIM'S KRYPT

- by Caitlin Sparzak -

With severed head in hand, owner, operator and tour guide Kim Yates has brought back the madness and in its 15th year Kim's Krypt is ready for all those daring to enter its walls. It's not your typical haunted house featuring an array of characters that hope to make patrons laugh and scream but warns some pants wetting and blood spattering might occur.

Yates' inspiration came from a trip she took as a child to Disney World when she was nine years old. She went on the Haunted Mansion ride and fell in love with Halloween and everything involved with it. While there her Dad bought her a mask that she wore the entire ride home on northbound I-95, scaring those driving by.

"I never intended to have this big of a haunted house. I just wanted to decorate my house, then more and more people came and I had to do something about it," said Yates.

In its second year at the Merritt Park Shopping Center, Yates credits the continued existence of the haunted attraction to the volunteers and their dedication. Kim's Krypt is run completely by volunteers, many of whom have been with her for years. Yates says, "Without them, we wouldn't be here."

She prides herself on running an environment that is not only around to en-



Kim Yates and her severed head want you to visit Kim's Krypt, if you dare.

tertain and scare the masses but is a drug and alcohol free environment for those that volunteer. Yates also encourages the kids there to be happy, productive and energetic and works to shy

them away from destructive behavior, letting it be known to those that she is there for whomever needs her. She also states the kids that volunteer don't just  
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## West Shore Yacht Center Plans Nearly Complete

- by Diane Carlimer -

Except for dotting a few "i's" and crossing a few "t's", Baltimore County has completed its approval process for a condo and marina project at the confluence of Back River and Muddy Gut, and bordered by E. Riverside Avenue. The 2.7-acre development will have 12 semi-detached homes, roughly placed in a horseshoe shape, and one marina. The community will be a gated and fenced condominium association

with members owning the common ground. It will not be age restricted. The property has been used as a marina since 1950.

A variation of standards of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area was granted by county government. A setback of the sides of the buildings was reduced from the required 25 feet to 20 feet. Rear building setbacks were reduced from 60 to 32 feet. Contiguous square footage for the private yard area was reduced from 500

square feet to 0 (zero). The developer will pay the county \$71,820 in exchange for reducing the open space requirements. According to law, the unused open space is to be placed elsewhere in the county. The new location for the transferred open space is thus far unknown.

A 50 foot maximum height for buildings is permitted. The buildings will be three stories with a top height of 35 to 40 feet. Zoning for the marina section is  
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