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THE CITY OF BOWIE CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 16TH

Bowie, MD – It may seem like only yesterday to some, but this month, the City of Bowie government will turn 100 years old. The City kicks off a yearlong celebration of the Centennial with a ceremony at City Hall on April 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. at City Hall.

The program will feature the Bowie Police Department Honor Guard, local dignitaries, a short speech by Mayor G. Frederick Robinson, and performances by the Bowie High School Band and the Tulip Grove Elementary School Chorus. Ms. Fannie Basim, a 94-year resident of Old Town Bowie, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

“The Centennial celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Bowie government, but it will also be a reason to showcase almost 300 years of local history,” says Pamela Williams, Historic Properties Manager for the City of Bowie. The Centennial Celebration Committee has a host of activities planned, including musical performances by local school groups and a community picnic on Bowie Heritage Day in May, various exhibits at City museums about Bowie’s history, a tour of Bowie gardens and a tour of Bowie houses of worship in the fall, and a variety of children’s activities throughout the year. This year’s summer concerts at Allen Pond Park and in Old Town Bowie will incorporate the Centennial theme, by showcasing 100 years of musical styles. “I encourage everyone to download our *“First 100 Days of Centennial Events”* brochure from the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/centennial so that you don’t miss any of these upcoming events.”

Residents can also explore Bowie’s history by doing a geocache tour of Bowie landmarks or visiting various locations in Bowie where they can get their “Centennial Passport” stamped. If they visit all of the sites in the passport, they will be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the Centennial year. Information about these tours can be found on the Centennial pages on the City website.

The public is invited to mark this important milestone in Bowie’s history by attending the opening ceremony of the Bowie’s Centennial. It takes place behind City Hall at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 and will be followed by a reception. In the event of rain, the event will be moved indoors at City Hall.

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