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Janice, is it possible to put the enclosed information piece in the February monthly meeting information packet for Council members and the City Manager? If that is not a good way to pass this message on, then could you forward it as an email with the click of a button or two? Let me know if this creates a problem for you. Many thanks. Betty

**To Mayor Jim Bouley, City Manager Tom Aspell and all the members of Concord's City Council:**

**The Friends of the Audi want you to know that the Audi is alive and well and they, who nurture the Audi, are too. The Friends are inviting anyone in the community to an open meeting in the Audi Lobby on Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. They are looking for people who want to make a plea for a need, want or "just a wish" for the performance hall. Others might want to attend to hear the discussion. The information gathered will eventually take the form of a Strategic Plan. A similar meeting was held back in 1991. Now 30 years have passed and the work outlined then is nearing completion. It's time for another "Think Tank" meeting of Concord citizens. It is time to assess the progress. But, more importantly, it is time to make the next plan. It is essential that folks of all ages and interests let their ideas and desires be heard!**

**Yes, the Audi is indeed alive and well in 2020. What has happened in those intervening years? The Friends of the Audi organization has had hundreds of Concord citizens and even residents from surrounding towns band together to not just keep the Audi going, but to repair, renovate and restore the grand performance hall. Working with the General Services Department and the Parks and Recreation Department, the needs and wants have been systematically completed. The Audi has been managed efficiently by the all-volunteer Friends such that it is both affordable and accessible to the community. Over two**

**million dollars have been raised by the Friends and every penny has been invested using that original "to do" list.**

**The Friends of the Audi and the City of Concord have a most unique public-private partnership. Representatives from each group meet annually to review the past year, balance the checkbook and plan for the coming improvements. The addition of the Lobby, the recent restoration of the 850 seats and the new stage curtains are only three examples of a long ledger of additions, repairs, and restorations that were derived at that first think tank. So, after three decades of growth and change, it is time to develop the plan for the next 25-30 years. The meeting on March 1 is the opportunity for the community to weigh in with ideas for the future. So, come one, come all.....to nurture our special hall. Betty Hoadley**