



## Contra Costa County Cities Group One

Contra Costa County is located on the eastern side of the San Francisco Bay. The 2020 estimated population is 1,165,927. The county seat is the City of Martinez where **Eric Figueroa** has served as City Manager since April 2019. **Monica Nino** is the County Administrator and Clerk of the Board.

There are nineteen incorporated cities in Contra Costa County extending alphabetically from Antioch to Walnut Creek. In this issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown, the focus is on the first seven cities in Group One: Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito and Hercules. City or Town Managers include **Cornelius H. Johnson**, **Tim Ogden**, **Reina Schwartz**, **Valerie Barone**, **Joe Calabrigo**, **Karen Pinkos** and **Dante Hall**.



Upon the passing of **Frank G. Tripepi**, retired City Manager **Glenn Southard** wrote: "I fondly called Frank the Godfather. Why? Because he was that to multiple generations. He was a top Manager, leader, boss, mentor and friend to many over the years. Frank will be sorely missed by the city management community and a vast group of family and friends. All the best to the lovely Tripepi family. God speed."



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Hall of Fame professional football player **Gino John Marchetti** (1926-2019) graduated from high school in Antioch, though born in West Virginia. After high school he enlisted in the U. S. Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge during WW II. He is most remembered for his 13-seasons with the Baltimore Colts, helping the team to NFL Championships in 1958 and 1959.



**Cornelius H. "Con" Johnson**, a former law enforcement officer, is the City Manager for the City of Antioch. When appointed City Manager, Con was a retired Lieutenant with the San Francisco Police Department. He took over for City Manager **Ron Bernal** who retired. Con earned a BA and MPA from the University of San Francisco. He also completed the requirements for a Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Management Certificate.



Former Brawley City Manager (2011-2020) **Rosanna Bayon Moore** is the Assistant City Manager in the City of Antioch. Before her 9-years in Brawley, she served as a Regional Affairs Officer for SCAG in El Centro. She served as a Member of the El Centro City Council (2003-2007). Rosanna earned a BA from the University of California, Berkeley and an MPA from Columbia University in New York City. She is a Coro Fellow.

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Brentwood was originally created on the land of **John Marsh** who bought it in 1837. Brentwood was named for his ancestral home, the town of Brentwood in the County of Essex, England. The community became known throughout the Bay Area for its cherries, corn and peaches. The first Brentwood post office was established in 1878. The city incorporated in January 1948. Its 2020 population is stated at 64,292. Tim Ogden is City Manager and

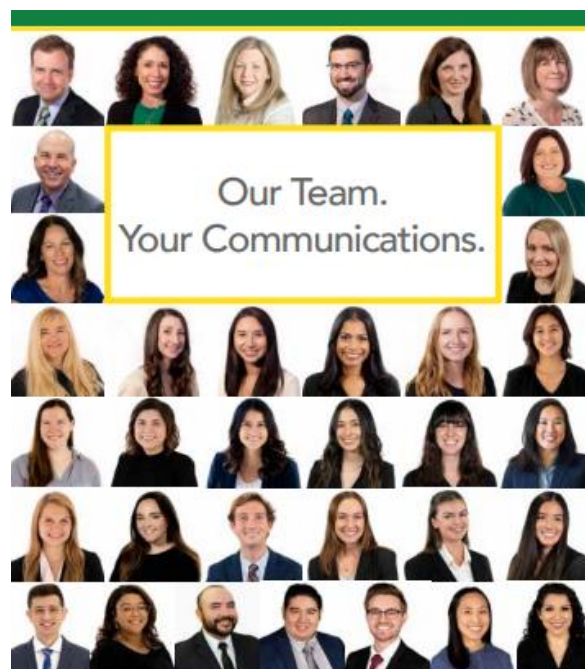
**Tim Y. Ogden** was named the Brentwood City Manager in January 2020. He followed City Manager **Gus Vina**, who retired. Tim began his career as an Administrative Analyst for the City of Modesto (2003-2006) and he served as the Economic Development Manager for the City of Riverbank (2006-2007). After working a short time as the Economic Development & Housing Manager in Ceres in 2017, Tim returned to Riverbank to be the Director of Economic Development & Housing (2007-2011). He was appointed City Manager in Waterford in 2011 and served there until he was selected to be the Manteca City Manager in 2017. Tim is a past President of the Central Valley City Manager Division of the League of California Cities. Tim is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. He earned a BA from Weber State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Tim received a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2016.



**Darin Gale** started January 31, 2022 as the Assistant City Manager in the City of Brentwood. He previously worked in community and economic development for the City of Sacramento. Prior to Sacramento he worked for 10-years for the City of Yuba City in a variety of capacities.



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**Joel Henry Clayton** (1812-1872) laid out and co-founded the town of Clayton in 1857. The first post office opened in Clayton in 1861. The city incorporated in March 1964. The 2020 population is set at 11,070. **Reina Schwartz** is the Clayton City Manager and **Laura Hoffmeister** is the Assistant to the City Manager.



Clayton City Manager **Reina Schwartz** worked for the City of Sacramento for nearly 11-years as the Director of the Department of General Services. Prior to working for the City Reina began her career as a fiscal analyst for the California Legislative Analyst's Office. In May 2015, Reina went to work as the Assistant City Manager in the City of San Pablo. In addition to other management duties, Reina was the city's Personnel Administrator. She was hired as the Clayton City Manager in December 2020 taking over from Interim City Manager **Frances Robustelli**. Reina earned a BS in natural resources and conservation from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MPP (public policy and public finance) from the Kennedy School at Harvard University.

**Laura Hoffmeister** served as a Member of the City Council for the City of Concord for 14-years (1997-2011). She joined the city staff in Clayton in 1998. She is currently working as the Assistant to the City Manager. She is an alumnus of the University of California, Davis.

**Katherine Korsak** is the Finance Director for the City of Clayton. Katherine joined the city staff in October 2021. She began her working career as an Office Manager for a law office and held various private sector positions. She earned a BA in American studies from the University of California, Davis and an MS in business administration from the California State University, Sacramento.



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Concord is the largest city in Contra Costa County. The city was founded in 1869 as Todos Santos ("all saints"). The name was later changed to

Concord. The first Concord post office opened in 1872. The area around Concord was a large agricultural area. Crops included grapes, walnuts, almonds, wheat, hay and tomatoes. Concord incorporated in February 1905. The 2020 population is set at 125,410. **Valerie Barone** is the Concord City Manager and **Justin Ezell** is the Assistant City Manager. **Joelle Fockler** is the City Clerk and **Jennifer Ortega** is the city's Community Relations Manager. The Park & Recreation Director is **Steve Voorhies**.



**Valerie J. Barone** was hired as the Concord Assistant City Manager in 2009. She was appointed Interim City Manager in 2012 and was made City Manager in 2013. Valerie served in the U.S. Peace Corps from 1987-1989 where she worked in the

Philippines. She worked for a private planning company in 1994 and 1995 until she was hired as an Associate Planner in the City of Milpitas. Valerie was promoted to Planning & Neighborhood Preservation Department Director in 1997. In 2001 she became the Milpitas Director of Planning, Recreation & Neighborhood Services. Valerie joined the Walnut Creek city staff in 2002 as the Community Development Director and worked there until moving to the Concord staff. She earned a BA in natural resources from Humboldt State University and a Master of Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento. In 2019 she received a 25-Year ICMA Service Award.



This is a picture of "The Godfather" and his sister. Left to right are **Ron Shoop**, **Valentina Tripepi Shoop**, **Rhonda Tripepi** and the late **Frank G. Tripepi**.



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Concord Community Relations Manager **Jennifer Ortega** previously worked as a Director of Communications for the Carondelet High School, a Catholic college-prep high school, in Concord. She served as a Board Member for the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District (December 2016-December 2020). Jennifer joined the City of Concord staff in June 2018. She earned a BA in mass communications from the University of California, Berkeley.

Located in the San Ramon Valley is the Town of Danville. Since 2018, for four years, Danville was named "the safest town in California". Initially Danville was a farming community that switched from wheat to fruits and nuts once the Southern Pacific Railroad built a rail line through the area in 1891. The Danville Post Office opened in 1860. The Town incorporated in July 1982. The 2020 population is set at 43,582. **Joe A. Calabrigo** is the Town Manager, and **Rob Ewing** is the City Clerk and City Attorney. **Allan Shields** is the Chief of Police. **Lani Ha** is the Finance Director and City Treasurer. **Henry Perezalonso** is the Director of Recreation, Arts & Community Services.

### Return to Cruisin' With Cruz



Here Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Ray Cruz** is with a group of friends having dinner before a **Ricky Martin** concert at the Hollywood Bowl.

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**Joseph Calabrigo**, the longest serving city manager in the East Bay, has served as the Danville Town Manager since 1993. Joe was the Planning Director in Danville from 1985 to 1990 when he was appointed Assistant Town Manager. As Town Manager, Joe is a Member of the Board of the East Bay Regional Communications System Joint Powers Authority. In 2020 Joe received a 35-Year ICMA Service Award.

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El Cerrito is Spanish for "The Little Hill." The city was founded by refugees from the devastating 1906 San Francisco earthquake. A post office opened in 1909 with the community's name of "Rust." **Wilhelm F. Rust** was the first postmaster. The residents changed the name to El Cerrito. The community incorporated as El Cerrito in August 1917. The nearby communities of Stege Junction, Rust, Schmidville and Schindler were all included in the new city. The 2020 estimated population of El Cerrito is 25,962. **Karen Pinkos**, a past international President of ICMA, is the City Manager and, since January 2019, **Alexandra Orologas** is the Assistant City Manager. **Holly M. Charléty** is the City Clerk. **Sandra Dalida** is the Finance Director and City Treasurer. **Yvetteh Ortiz** is the Public Works Director and City Engineer, and the Recreation Director in **Christopher Jones**. The El Cerrito Chief of Police is **Paul Keith**.

El Cerrito is located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. From its hills there is a wonderful view of the Golden Gate Bridge. City Manager **Karen Pinkos** is a current member of the Board of Trustees for the California City Management Foundation (CCMF).





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**Karen Pinkos** was the Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Oak Park, Michigan from August 1997 to September 2001 when she came to California. She started in El Cerrito as the Assistant to the City Manager in September 2001. Karen was promoted to Assistant City Manager in July 2006 and became the El Cerrito City Manager in December 2018. She served as the West Coast Regional Vice on the ICMA Board from 2008 to 2011, and she was President of the international association in 2018-2019. Karen earned a BA and MPA from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. She also completed the Strategic Management Public Organizations Program at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Kennedy School at Harvard University. Karen is an ICMA Credentialed Manager. She is also an IPMA-HR Certified Professional. Karen received the 2007 Wes McClure Outstanding Assistant Award presented by the Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC). She is a past President of Cal-ICMA (2016) and continues to serve on the Board, and she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the California City Management Foundation (CCMF) (2017-present).



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**Alexandra Orologas** began her public service career as a Swim Aide for the Marinwood Community Services District in San Rafael in 1995. She served as a Pool Attendant & Office Assistant for the District in 1999.

Alexandra took an Intern position with the County of Santa Cruz in 2005. She joined the San Jose city staff in 2007 as a Graduate Intern and in 2008 she was a Management Fellow. In 2009 Alexandra worked as an Acting Senior Executive Analyst. She joined the city staff in Oakland in 2011, where she was hired as the Chief of Staff to the City Administrator. In 2014 Alexandra became the Assistant to the City Administrator. She joined the El Cerrito city staff as the Assistant City Manager in January 2019. She earned a BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MPA from San Jose State University. She also attended the Stanford University Love Governance Summer Institute at the Bill Lane Center for the American West. Alexandra currently serves on the ICMA Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Committee.



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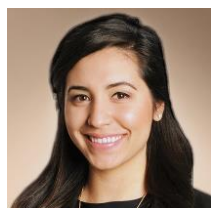
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**Dante Hall** began his public management career in March 2004 as a Deputy City Manager focused on community development in the El Monte. He then served as the Assistant City Manager in El Monte from

2006 to 2010. In December 2011 Dante went to work in Moreno Valley as a Redevelopment and Housing Administrator. In February 2014 he moved to Northern California to be the Director of Community Development in the City of Half Moon Bay (2014-2015). In June 2015 Dante went the work as the Assistant City Manager in Foster City. He served as Interim City Manager there in 2020-2021. Dante was selected to served as the Hercules City Manager in July 2021. He served as the Chair of the Planning Commission in Pasadena (2008-2013). Dante earned a BA from Azusa Pacific University and an MPA from the City University of New York. He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

**David Biggs** served as the Hercules City Manager from 2014 to 2021. David left to become the Orinda City Manager. David previously served as City Manager in Carson (2011-2013) and Tustin (2010-2011). He was also the City Manager in Morgan Hill (1992-1995). He began his career as an Administrative Intern in Santa Ana. David earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine.

**Phil Batchelor** served as the President of the California Association of County Executives in 1993 while he was the CAO of Contra Costa County. Phil served as the Interim City Manager in Hercules in 2013. **Nelson Oliva** served as the Hercules City Manager from 2007 to 2011. Nelson passed away in 2014.



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## Contra Costa County Cities Group One

In 2004 to January 2012, Hercules Finance Director **Edwin Gato** worked as an Administrative Analyst in the City of Vallejo. Edwin joined the Stockton city staff in January 2012 as a Program Manager in the Budget Office. In June 2014, he was promoted to Accounting Manager and worked in that position until January 2017 when he went to work as the Finance Services Manager in the City of Alameda. He was hired as the Hercules Finance Director in 2012. Edwin earned a BS from the University of Phoenix and he studied at St. Joseph College in the Philippines.

In January 2000 **Christopher Roke** became an Assistant Athletic Director in Marketing and Promotions for the University of San Francisco. In May 2001 he was hired as a Recreation Supervisor for San Leandro Recreation & Human Service. Christopher joined the staff in the City of Concord in May 2005 as the Recreation Program Manager where he worked for the next 11-plus years. In August 2016 Christopher was appointed Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Hercules. He earned a BA in history & English from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and an MA in sports & fitness management from the University of San Francisco. Chris is a graduate of Alameda High School.



The picture on the left is **Annie and Mike Sakamoto** as they visit the California State Fair in Sacramento.

Mike served as City Manager in Adelanto and Hercules. He was the Finance Director and Assistant City Administrator in Bellflower. On the right is former Walnut City Manager and retired South Gate Public Works Director **Robert "Bob" Dickey** in Tunisia, Tunisia in the city hall area in his In-N-Out Burger shirt.





Pismo Beach City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his wife Debi took their daughter Gracie and son Troy, on a vacation road trip up the Eastern Seaboard starting in Florida and moving northerly. In this picture they are visiting the museum displays at the Yorktown Battlefield. It was this battle that ultimately convinced Britain to release their hold on the American Colony.



**Picking Up the Pieces:** Former City of Selma City Manager **Teresa Gallavan** was recently retained as the Interim City Manager in Palm Springs. Prior to her service in Selma Teresa worked as the Economic Development Director and Assistant City Manager in Lompoc. She served as the Interim

City Manager in Lompoc twice. Teresa previously worked for the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency for 15-years. She earned a BA in Spanish from the University of California, Irvine and an MBA from California State University, San Bernardino. Palm Spring City Manager **Justin Clifton**'s last day is September 16, 2022. Oxnard City Manager **Alex Nguyen** and City Attorney **Stephen Fischer** earned employment agreement extensions and an increase in base salary in the last week of July. The City Manager 's contract was extended through July 8, 2029. This is the first salary adjustment for Alex since his appointment in 2018.



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Yreka City Manager **Jason Ledbetter** is hoping that some type of aquatic center can be salvage following the city's decision to not put a sales tax on the November ballot. As planned the public swimming pool is reported to cost much more than the \$8.5 million State grant the city plans to apply for. The idea of adding a community pool is still being considered. Solvang City Manager **Xenia Bradford** has worked with the City Council to draft a new more workable grant funding policy to narrow the awarding of funds to nonprofits. In addition, the city traditionally has funded two major events: Danish Days and the Fourth of July fireworks show. It was pointed out that special events bring visitors to town and help the local businesses. Irwindale Chief of Police **Ty Henshaw**, on leave since late June, has retired after serving nearly 30-years in law enforcement. Former Glendora Chief of Police **Robert Castro** has been hired as the Irwindale Interim Chief. **Julian Miranda** is the Irwindale City Manager.



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**More Pieces Picked Up:** **Jason Gonsalves** of the **Joe. A. Gonsalves & Son** professional representation firm lives in the City of **Folsom**. **Folsom** is named for **Joseph Libbey Folsom**, who bought the property and laid out the original town called Granite City. The city prospered due to Joseph's lobbying to get a railway to connect

the town with **Sacramento**. Joseph died in 1855 and the town was renamed **Folsom** in his honor. **Elaine Andersen** is the **Folsom** City Manager and **Christine Brainerd** is the Communications Director. Recently appointed **Huntington Beach** City Manager **Alfred "Al" Zelinka**, 54, has taken over from Interim City Manager **Sean Joyce** who filled in after City Manager **Oliver Chi** resigned to become the **Irvine** City Manager. Al previously served as the City Manager (2018-2022) and Assistant City Manager (2015-2018) in **Riverside**. Before that he was the Community Development Director in the City of **Fullerton** (2008-2012). He began his public service career in 1995 as a Planner for the City of Phoenix, Arizona. Al earned a BA from Northern Arizona University and a Masters in regional planning from Cornell University. Al and his family live in the City of **Orange**. **Mike Stone** wrote a letter to the Editor of "2URBANGIRLS" critical of **Inglewood** City Manager **Artie Fields**. Artie has served as the **Inglewood** City Manager since 2011 after being the **Salinas** City Manager (2008-2011). Artie got his start with positions in **Beverly Hills**, **Pasadena**, **Pomona**, and **San Leandro**, where he was the Assistant to the City Manager. He was hired to be the Assistant City Manager in **West Covina** in 1998 where he worked until his appointment to the **Salinas** City Manager position. Artie earned a BA and MPA from the University of Southern California (USC). In 2016 he received a 30-year ICMA Award. **Mike Stone** is the West Coast Field Representative for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) (2012-Present). He previously worked as the **Salinas** Inspection Services Manager (2001-2010) and as the **Watsonville** Building Official (2010-2012). A Federal Appeals Court affirmed the dismissal of a civil rights action by attorney **Stephen Yagman**. Stephen claimed constitutional deprivations by virtue of a \$1,000 parking fine he received for occupying a handicapped space without displaying the required placard. He sued members of the **Beverly Hills** City Council and the city's Parking and Traffic Commission. Not in his complaint was that the \$1,000 payment was returned to him after it was determined that he does have the proper placard, though he did not display it.



This is a lovely place to have a meal. J's Deli is located on Highway 111 in **Palm Desert**. The food is good and the service is quick and with a smile.

**SHORTS:** \*City Manager **David Rowlands** of **Fillmore** and City Manager **Alex McIntyre** of **Ventura** were both awarded salary increases in May and March respectively. \*After 12-years, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court **Tani Cantil-Sakauye** will retire from the court. \***Louis "Skip" Miller** of the law firm, Miller Barondess, LLP, often represents the County of Los Angeles. \***Rancho Cordova** City Manager **Cyrus Abhar** originally joined the city staff as Public Works Director and Chief Building Official in 2003, before being appointed City Manager in November 2015. \***Linda Lowry**, who had served as City Manager in **Bellflower** and **Diamond Bar**, who was a mentor to **Norwalk** City Manager **Mike Egan**, was appointed **Pomona** City Manager in 2006 and retired after 14-years there. \*Retired **Norwalk** City Manager **Mike Egan** has served as the Interim City Manager in the City of **Artesia** since January 2022. \*University of California, Davis alumnus **Sage Sangiacome** has worked for the City of **Ukiah** since 1998 and he was appointed City Manager in June 2015. \*Longtime City Planner **Ara Mhrianian** is the City Manager for the City of **Rancho Palos Verdes** and **Karina Bañales** is the Deputy City Manager. \*Retired **Walnut** City Manager **Rob Wishner** lives in the City of **Chino** and is the Chief Executive Officer & Founder of Sunjoint Development. \***Los Angeles** Dodger fan **Mark Waronek**, a **Lomita** City Council Member and past President of the California Contract Cities Association, is President and CEO of M&M Consulting Group in **Torrance**. **Phillip Hawes** served as the City Manager for the City of **Indio** from January 1971 to December 1990 and before that he was the **Indian Wells** City Manager in October 1968-January 1970. Former Siskiyou County Director of General Services **Jason Ledbetter** is the City Manager in the City of **Yreka**.

Rest in Peace **Vin Scully**. Vin passed away at 94. He broadcast Dodger baseball for 67-years. He was the best and will always be remembered! R.I.P.



## Notes and Letters from Readers:

Trackdown Management does a tremendous service to the profession, it is not easy in these busy times to keep up. Your newsletter gives great insights to those in the profession and those who are watching. Your reverent comments about those we have lost are uplifting. I appreciate the coverage of Frank Tripepi, the three of us spent some fun times, not nearly as much as other friends you two had. You have both have given me sound Counsel and unequalled support in my career. I dare say I couldn't have developed my Orange Hat campaign without you guys. It is a feeling beyond words for young people in our profession to get support, leadership and love from the best like you two, George Carvalho, Ken Pulskamp, Ted Gaebler, Bruce Channing and so many more (yeah I was young once). I love you guys!

—**Wade McKinney**

**Note:** Thank you for the kind words, Wade. We are honored to be included with that list of amazing people. --Jack

I am sad to share the passing of veteran City Manager, role model and good friend **Allen L. Goodman**. Al was my boss in Clovis, where he served from 1971-1986. He then became City Manager in Lemoore, where he retired in 1997. Following retirement, Allen and his wife Karen joined the Peace Corps and did a two-year tour in Bulgaria. As with everything the Goodman's did, they were fascinated by the local culture, and I am told, joined them dutifully for the traditional end of workday brew.

Al and Karen split their retired years between Fresno and the Puget Sound area of Washington. Karen passed away a couple years ago. She had stayed active in the League of Women Voters, in their church and in support for programs serving the homeless.

I started working with Al in 1972 and I am still loving this career we all share. I credit Allen with "infecting me" with this love of local government. Al graduated from the University of Redlands and got his MPA at George Washington University. He started his city management career working as Assistant City Manager for the legendary **B. Gale Wilson** in Fairfield.

--**Mark Scott**

Currently Interim City Manager, Downey



Lake County has been advertising the summer vacation opportunities they offer.

Thank you for reporting on the private family service for **Ray Harris** and the pictures of **Frank Tripepi**. It's been tough for families and friends.

—**Bob Dickey**

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The late **Frank G. Tripepi**, retired City Manager, with his granddaughter **Reagan Smith** when she was just able to see over the door window sill. Reagan starts college classes this year. Frank is missed!