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Here screed Operator Kristopher Llanes and Laborer Sandin Zahirovic worked with a mix that incorporated 15 percent recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) on the Meijer Gardens project.

SUPERIOR ASPHALT'S COMMUNICATION FILLS THE CRACKS

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Before placing an overlay, a crew must fill cracks. Likewise, before taking on a new project, a company must get all the pieces in place with communication. Stacie Newman at Superior Asphalt, Lansing, Mich., said that communication was key to the success of a pair of projects this season. Let's take a pictorial tour of the company's "Service Beyond the Surface" at the GingerMan Raceway in South Haven, Mich., and the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids.



ABOVE: Sandin Zahirovic gives the thumbs up. The Blaw-Knox Ingersoll-Rand 5510 paver placed the paths in between weather and scheduling concerns for a well-planned project. RIGHT: Business owners Fred and Lena Meijer contributed greatly to the community and are memorialized with this sculpture in the gardens. Their philanthropic gifts include Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, the Meijer Heart Center, the Meijer Trails Network, the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Center, and the Meijer Majestic Theatre. OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Rick Browley Jr., crew chief, shakes hands with Roger VanPutton. OPPOSITE PAGE BOTTOM: It takes a team to make a project work smoothly. From left, JR Marchand, track coach; Daniel Schnitta, owner of GingerMan; Mary Phelps, managing director; and Rick Browley Sr., superintendent of operations for Superior Asphalt. Notice Rick Browley Jr. on the paver in the background.





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Before we see what the teams accomplished through good communication and scheduling in 2015, consider past projects. Superior Asphalt's paving crew did such a fine job grinding and resurfacing parking lots and the main entry driveway for the Meijer Gardens in 2014 that the vice president of fixed operations and facilities, Ken Wenger, hired them again this year to apply a top coat to one more parking lot and resurface all of the tram paths through the park. Management wanted to update the look of the paths before opening a new Japanese Garden exhibit, but time was not on anyone's side. With a tourist attraction

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Past project success also brings a good reputation to the table. For the GingerMan Raceway, Superior Asphalt took on something new, but did so with gusto. They used GlasGrid on asphalt repairs for the first time and did their homework to perform racetrack milling, crack-filling and paving. Once again, management at the track worked hand in hand with management at Superior Asphalt to get timing—and costs—just right. Check out the relevant nuances here. [P](#)