

## Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association

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### **ARRA ANNOUNCES 2009 AWARD WINNER**

Each year, since 1985, ARRA has presented special recognition awards to deserving public officials and consulting engineers for their overall professional contribution to and recognition and promotion of the asphalt recycling & reclaiming industry. During its 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, in Indian Wells, California, in February, the Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association (ARRA) announced the recipient of its 2009 award:

#### **Award for Excellence in Hot In-Place Recycling**

**Michael Bettenhausen**, Village Trustee, Chair Public Works Committee, Village of Tinley Park, Illinois  
Nominated by Patrick FASTER, Gallagher Asphalt Corporation

“The goal of the Village of Tinley Park’s Pavement Management Program (PMP) is simple, though its simplicity does not underscore its importance – KEEP THE PAVEMENTS IN TOP SHAPE, AT THE LEAST COST, FOR THE LONGEST DURATION. The value to the community in keeping the infrastructure current is returned in higher property values, reduced maintenance costs, better service, and happier residents. Public infrastructure is one of the backbones of the community value. When it starts to go, an escalation can occur, due to the exponential costs of deferred repairs. The current Pavement Condition Index, a measure of the pavements ability to perform, is a very good 89.74.”

“A drive around any of the surrounding Chicago-land communities demonstrates the value that this 30-year old plus program has brought to the Village - Tinley Park streets as a whole are the best around, without question. This program, and the use of hot-in-place recycling, is the groundwork to keep them that way.”

“An OVERALL pavement condition index of 90 for 220 miles of streets, in a community almost 150 years old with the freeze-thaw Midwestern cycle is unprecedented. It would only happen with the proactive approach and the use of the most cost effective means and the fortitude to stay the course for over 4 decades. It is far too easy to take the eye off the long term benefits in a community. Many immediate demands can divert the necessary resources (aka cash) to more politically expedient needs. Tinley Park made a conscious choice to maintain their roadway system at the right condition at the right time for the right expense. The proof is in the result. It's been documented that every dollar spent on preventive maintenance at the appropriate time saves at least four dollars in future rehabilitation costs. The preventative method of choice for Tinley Park is hot-in-place recycling.”

The Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association is an international non-profit trade association of contractors, equipment manufacturers, suppliers, public officials, and engineers engaged in the recycling and reclaiming of asphalt, using the positive economies of recycling to rebuild a stronger and safer network of highways, streets and roads across the country and around the world.