



## Spring Lake Plaques Preserved (continued)

By the 1920s the borough's council recognized the need to replace the tattered pavilions at both ends of the boardwalk with an expressed desire for some form of decoration. The South End Pavilion was built first in 1929; the North End Pavilion was completed two years later, both adorned with terra cotta tiles.

The tiles at the North End, 44 in all, measured 16" x 24", each weighing 10 pounds. There were five designs in all, installed on both the inside and outside of the building.

As early as 1992 there was a growing concern among the local citizenry regarding the fate of the pavilions and their tiles. The Tile Heritage Foundation was contacted for advice at that time.

By 2012 the decision had been made to demolish the North End Pavilion, well before Hurricane Sandy devastated the beachfront. The borough's historical society managed to retrieve one tile of each design from the dozen or so that were saved. This collection will be on permanent display in the society's museum on the second floor of Borough Hall in Spring Lake.



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