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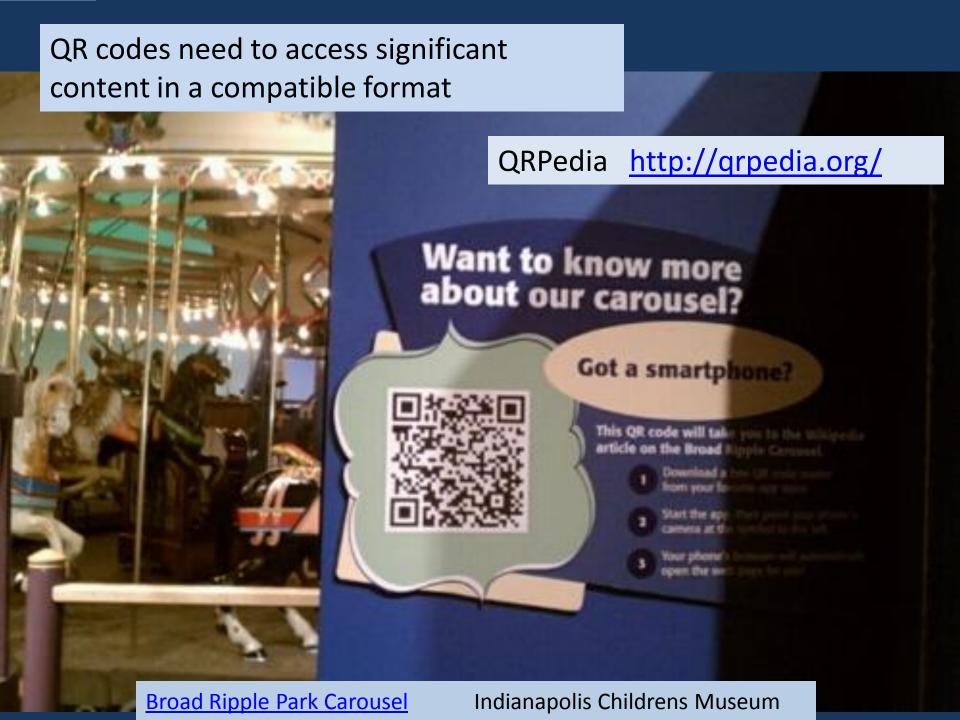






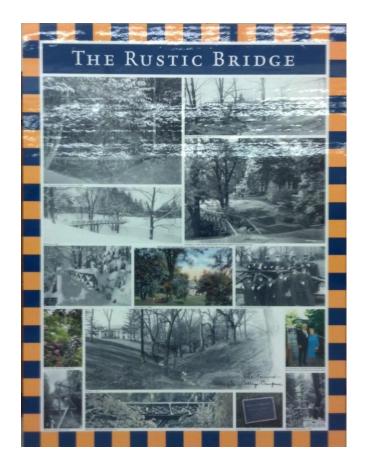
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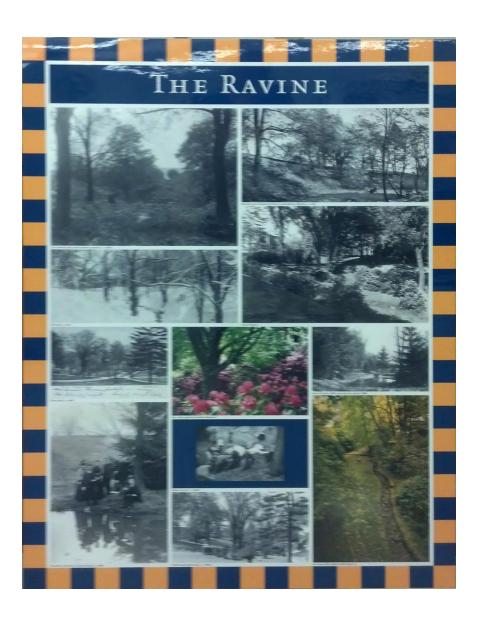
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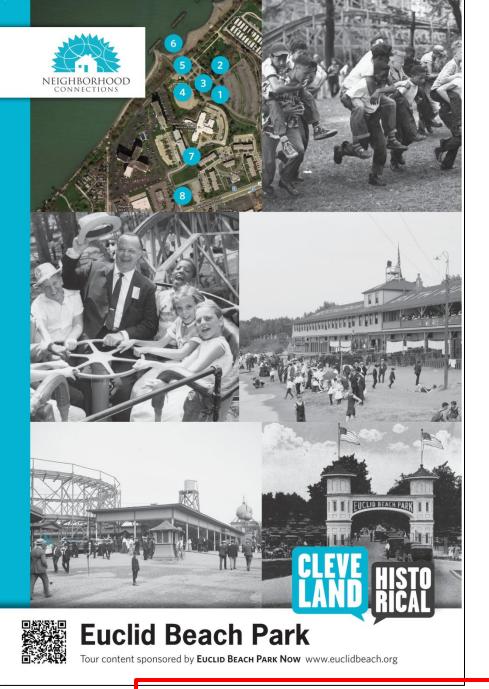
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Euclid Beach Park

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN CLOSED since 1969, Euclid Beach amusement park lives on throughout Northeast Ohio in a number of ways. Indeed, even those too young to have visited the park themselves can still take a ride on the rocket car, crunch into an authentic Humphrey popcorn ball, and hear the quavering cackle of Laughing Sal. In addition, the park's 1910 carousel, lovingly restored after being rescued from a shuttered amusement park in Maine, will soon be open for rides again in its new location at the Western Reserve Historical Society in University Circle.

The former site of Euclid Beach, on the other hand, has largely been stripped of remnants of the amusement park located there from 1901-1969. The grand entrance arch still stands on Lakeshore Boulevard, and sections of the concrete pier remain. A public park on part of the site is frequented by elderly residents of the high-rise apartment build-

- 1. Euclid Beach Park
- 2. Laughing Sal
- 3. Euclid Beach Carousel
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- 5. Euclid Beach Riot
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ings that were built on most of the rest of the old amusement park's land following its closing. Fortunately, the efforts of preservation groups like Euclid Beach Park Now and the Cleveland Euclid Beach Park Carousel Society have ensured that Euclid Beach will not be forgotten by the generations of Northeast Ohioans too young to have experienced it directly, even as its original site on the shores of Lake

Erie crumbles.

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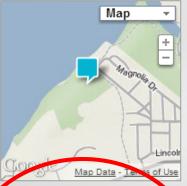
Laughing Sal

Laughing Sal evokes a number of different reactions from those who encounter her. Her larger than life presence, mechanical gyrations, and raucous cackle cause delight in some and fear in others. Some deep thinkers have even speculated about the meaning of Laughing Sal. Is she the incarnation of modern wo(man) in an industrial age? A soulless, machine-powered being with an empty laugh and an empty mind?

Love her or hate her, there is no doubting the fact that Sal creates a lasting impression on all who lay eyes on her. She debuted at Euclid Beach amusement park in the 1930s, placed in a glass case at the entrance to the Surprise House, a traditional fun house with moving floors, slanted rooms, and distorting mirrors. That is where she stayed until 1969, when Euclid Beach closed. A Euclid Beach enthusiast purchased Sal in the years following the closing, and she has since appeared at events across Northeast Ohio, becoming a prominent symbol of the park. Now those too young to have visited Euclid Beach themselves can be amused or terrified, delighted or repulsed, by Laughing Sal.

Laughing Sal, however, was not unique to Euclid Beach Park and Cleveland. In fact, in the 1930s the Philadelphia Toboggan Company (PTC) mass-produced Laughing Sals (as well as 'Laughing Sams') and sold them to amusement parks across the United States. The Old King Cole Papier Mache Company of Canton, Ohio got the contract from PTC to actually build the Sals, tweaking their laughing, papier mache Santa Claus model for the job. Sal's gyrations were created by two rotating cams (or discs) attached to a single motor in her hips. Springs in her arms, head, and chest provided even more movement. Sal's famous laugh emanated from a repeating record player hidden in the base of the figure. The combined effect of Sal's evocative appearance, constant motion, and endless laughter proved to be a hit with amusement park goers, and Laughing Sals became a fixture in fun houses during the 1930s. It appears that no more Sals were built.

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Laughing Sal Recording info



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Center Stage

For a time in the mid-1990s, Laughing Sal was prominently displayed at a Euclid Beach-themed restaurant and bar in suburban Kirtland, Ohio.

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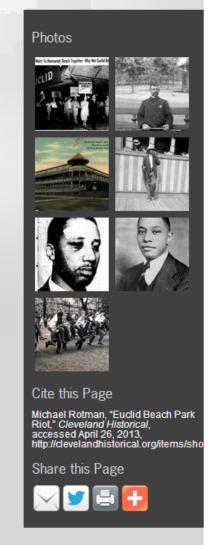
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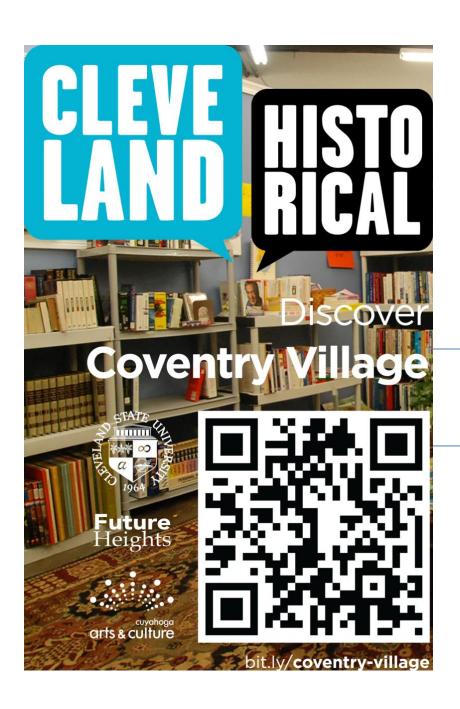
African-Americans, Euclid Beach, riots On August 4, 1946, almost one year after the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan and the end of World War II, a picket line appeared in front of Cleveland's Euclid Beach amusement park for the first time in its history. Protesting the park's long-standing policy of excluding African Americans from using the park's roller rink, swimming facilities, and dance hall, an interracial crowd of over 100 picketers - including many uniformed World War II veterans - held signs reading 'We Went to Normandy Beach Together - Why Not Euclid Beach?' Others compared the park's owner with the recently defeated leader of Nazi Germany: 'Hitler and Humphrey believe in super race.'

In the weeks that followed, protests continued and violence broke out. On August 23, Albert Luster, a member of the interracial civil rights group the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), was severely beaten by Euclid Beach Park Policemen. Luster was to be one of an interracial group of ten or so CORE members who, like other groups that summer, sought to test the park's policies by attempting to enter the dance hall together. He had arrived late to the park; the group had already been roughly ejected from the park by the time he showed up. Park policemen Julius Vago came upon Luster sitting by himself on a park bench and set upon him with his nightstick in an apparently unprovoked attack.

Then, on September 21, two black Cleveland police officers scuffled with members of the Euclid Beach Park Police, and Patrolman Lynn Coleman ended up with a bullet in his leg. Coleman and Henry Mackey, off duty at the time, observed an interracial group of CORE members being treated roughly by park policemen as they tried to enter the dance floor. When the two Cleveland Police officers attempted to intervene, a fight ensued and Coleman's gun went off, hitting him in the leg. Other Cleveland Police officers detailed to the park soon intervened. Coleman was taken to the hospital, while the Euclid Beach Police officers involved in the fight, after undergoing questioning at Central Police Station, were released, the Cleveland Police Department opting not to pursue charges against them. The events that night came to be known as 'The Euclid Beach Park Riot.'

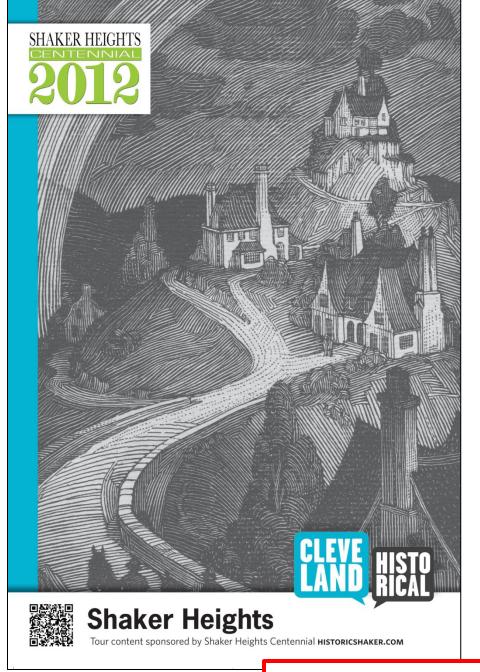


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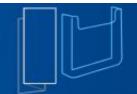




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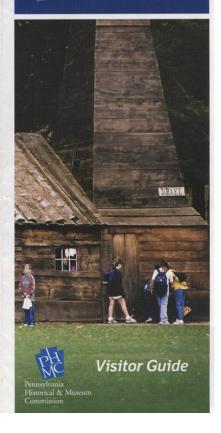
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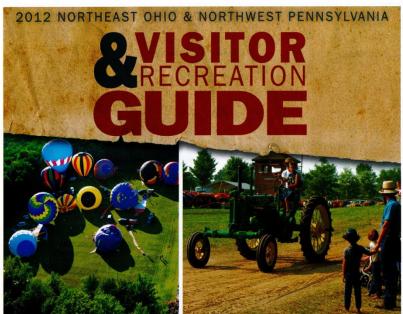
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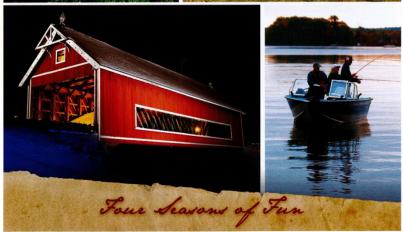


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