

# During the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we'll relive 1918...

...though not in the context of Veterans Day. We'll step back in time to **explore the old town of Willamette**, which is now part of West Linn. This village on the banks of the Tualatin and Willamette rivers was a working-class hamlet where, a century ago, people lived, worked at the shoe factory down the street, and educated their kids around the



corner. In other words, middle-class, early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America. Luckily for us, a good number of the homes from that period survive and thrive.



**The hike:** Ken Kane will lead a walk through the heart of Willamette, beginning at 9:30am on Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11. We'll note some of the architectural styles of the homes and some of the types of trees in the area. Even in 2015, because of the preservation of the homes, Willamette has an old-fashioned charm ... right down to the cow tracks on the sidewalk (left)! The basis of the walk is a brochure, put out by the folks who call Willamette home.



We'll delve back into century-ago West Linn, but also will go by a most 21<sup>st</sup> Century building, the Youth Music Project (right). The Willamette tour is relatively short, so to get in some more exercise, we'll visit two nearby parks: Willamette Park

(with a nice view of the river) and White Oak Savanna Park (with expansive views of the valley).

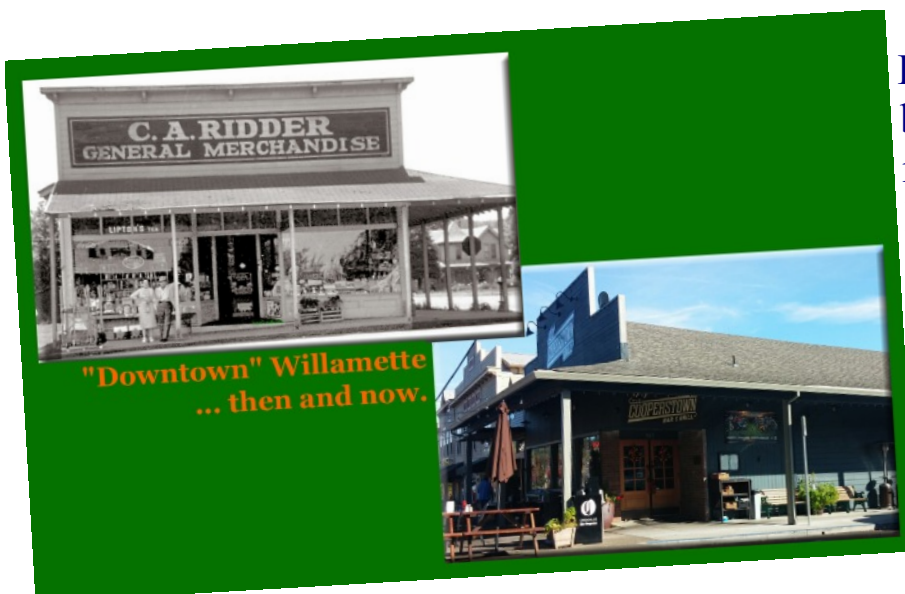
**Logistics:** The hike is about three-quarters on pavement and one-quarter on trails. There are two sizable hills we will go up and down, so hiking boots and poles would come in handy. We should be done by 12:30. Our start/end point is in restored “downtown” Willamette, which has a half-dozen choices for lunch for those who wish to partake.



**Start time and location:** Meet at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Willamette Falls Drive in West Linn (town of Willamette) at 9:15am. **We will step off promptly at 9:30.** If you need a GPS location, use 1705 Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn.



**Directions:** *This is a half-hour drive from downtown Portland, so plan extra travel time.* If coming from I-205, take Exit 6 (Tenth St.) and head south, toward the commercial development. Go up the hill, turn right onto Willamette Falls Drive, and begin to look for street parking. If coming from Hwy. 43, turn onto I-205 South, then follow the directions above. Tri-Met bus #154 stops two blocks away.



**Restrooms:** If you need them before the hike, there are restrooms at 1980 Willamette Falls Drive in the building which houses Bullseye Pastry. That is about two blocks from the starting point at 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Willamette Falls Drive. There will be a restroom stop in Willamette Park, about 45 - 60 minutes into the hike.