MENU



MA STREETER'S

BOURBON LOUNGE

THE STREETERVILLE STORY

Streeterville's story begins with George "Cap" Streeter, a boisterous con man who in 1886 ran his boat aground on a sandbar near present-day Superior Street. After a storm grounded his boat, Streeter decided to stay and declare the sandbar free from Illinois jurisdiction. He claimed this "District of Lake Michigan" as independent territory, inviting developers to dump debris, creating 186 acres of land. Streeter established a shantytown and sold land to unsuspecting buyers, leading to decades of legal disputes and armed standoffs with nearby wealthy landowners. After years of fraud and violence, the courts finally ruled against Streeter in 1918, asserting the land belonged to the developers and the city. The formerly lawless Streeterville area was rapidly developed, eventually becoming home to some of Chicago's most expensive real estate. Today, the district includes iconic landmarks including the John Hancock Center, Water Tower Place, and Navy Pier.



Ma Streeter with husband George "Cap" Streeter – the dynamic duo of Streeterville.



Ma Streeter standing on a boat moored on a landfill that they claimed as their own territory.

ABOUT MA STREETER

Ma Streeter – the "Empress of Streeterville" – was the rebellious wife of George "Cap" Streeter. As his partner in the 30-year land-grabbing fight, she was known for her feisty armed defense of their boat against police – even using a meat cleaver, boiling water, and a double barrel shotgun to fend off police during eviction attempts. After George Streeter's passing, she remained on and defended the ill-gotten land until it was eventually taken by the city and cleared for development. Through it all, Ma Streeter earned her place in Chicago history books as one of the most tenacious and defiant land squatters in American lore.

MENU

COCKTAILS

STOCKYARD OLD FASHIONED 20
Bacon-Washed Heaven Hill Bourbon, Orange

STREETERVILLE SOUR 18
1792 Bourbon, Lemon, Egg White

THE GRAND MANHATTAN 18
Tattersall Bourbon, Grand Marnier, Carpano Antica

GEORGE'S NIGHT 'CAP' 20
Bombay Sapphire, Green Chartreuse, Lime

PULLMAN PORTER 20
Del Maguey Mezcal, Coffee Liqueur, Demerara,
Chocolate Bitters

BOURBON TASTING EXPERIENCE
2oz Flight: Sheraton Barrel Pick,
Bottled-in-Bond 1792, Heaven Hill,
Tattersall & Rotating Selection
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All three named bourbons above
are bottled-in-bond in our own barrels.

MENU

SHAREABLES

THE STOCKYARD 30
Thick Cut BBQ Bacon, Truffle Salami, 14 Month Aged Prosciutto, Drunken Goat, Irish Porter Cheddar

SPEAKEASY RIBEYE SKEWERS 25
Bourbon Chimichurri

TRUFFLE FRIES 14
Aged Parmesan, Lemon Truffle Aioli

STREETER'S SUPPER CLUB RELISH TRAY 17
Fresh Cut Crudité, Beet Poached Hard Boiled Egg, Marinated Olives, House Made Ranch, Piquillo Pepper Hummus

DESSERT

MIDNIGHT CONTRABAND
Bittersweet Chocolate Cigar, Peanut Butter Ganache, Burnt Sugar Ash
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