

# RENTING + LIVING IN STREETERVILLE

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Streeterville has occasionally been called a gateway to Chicago, and as area assessments go that isn't too far off the mark. Streeterville's home to much of Downtown Chicago's world-renowned shopping, dining, architecture, culture and much more. The neighborhood is probably best known as the family-friendly home of Navy Pier, but beyond the Pier, Streeterville has a lot to offer. The neighborhood boasts dining options ranging from four-star French cuisine and brunch specialists to good old fashioned pub food. Entertainment's in the offing in the form of outdoor recreation at Ohio Street Beach or arts appreciation at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Sandwiched between the Chicago River, Lake Michigan's Shore and the southern half of the Magnificent Mile, Streeterville is truly downtown Chicago, unfiltered, and pretty much everything the Loop has to offer is right at its resident's fingertips. The neighborhood's top half is dominated by Northwestern Memorial Hospital and a literal sea of doctor's offices, healthcare clinics and rehabilitation centers. By contrast, Streeterville's bottom half features an almost uniquely attractive assortment of spectacularly finished new construction rental condominiums and luxury apartment buildings with breathtaking views—



in addition to the Tribune Tower, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the NBC Tower and a string of hotels and high-rise office buildings.

## What Attracts Renters to Streeterville

The story of how Streeterville got its name—from "Captain" George Wellington Streeter—is a controversial tale littered with gun battles, false property deeds and years' worth of eviction suits. It began in 1886 when the Captain's ship found itself lodged in one of the Lake's sandbar after a storm. After the storm Streeter invited building contractors to pile up waste around it as they would have back when Lake Michigan was used as a dumping ground during the cleanup following the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Streeter claimed the marshland that piling process left behind as his own and it wasn't until decades later that the courts could finally rule against him. You'll find a statue of the Captain standing on this formerly contested site as a reference to its early history. That sandbar is now some of Downtown Chicago's most sought after rental real estate.

Fortunately, the neighborhood's main attraction is even more colorful than that eccentric founder: Navy Pier is a picturesque playground filled with amusement rides, gift shops and eateries, its docks are lined with sightseeing boats and bicycles. In addition to sweeping lakefront views, Navy Pier is home to its own beer garden and evening fireworks in the summer, as well as year-round favorites, Chicago Children's Museum and Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Renting there means you're never more than a short walk to the beach, where you can pick up a bike trail that extends south past the Museum of Science and Industry and north all the way to Northwestern University's Evanston campus. The shopping options range from the absurdly upscale to the ridiculously swank and the restaurants range from legendary BBQ pits to haute cuisine. Residents willing to step just over the neighborhood's official boundaries by a block or two, the options increase from substantial to overwhelming. Streeterville also plays host to a 21-screen multiplex, several health clubs, an ultra-modern bowling alley, and plenty of gourmet grocery options.



## Rent a Luxury Apartment in Streeterville Then Check Out ...

From one of Downtown Chicago's last black tie bistros to a hearth warmed family-owned takeout joint, Streeterville boasts an attractive mix of laid-back to classy establishments where you're likely to find many of your neighbors enjoying its upscale and its downscale spots on the same night.

**Les Nomadees** – This Streeterville townhouse is one of the last, jackets required, classic French white-tablecloth occasion restaurants downtown. Chef Roland Liccioni serves up elegantly executed plates paired with a marvelous wine list. It's not exactly an inexpensive night out, but the generally impeccable service helps as does the food's, well-earned, reputation for being as good as it is expensive.

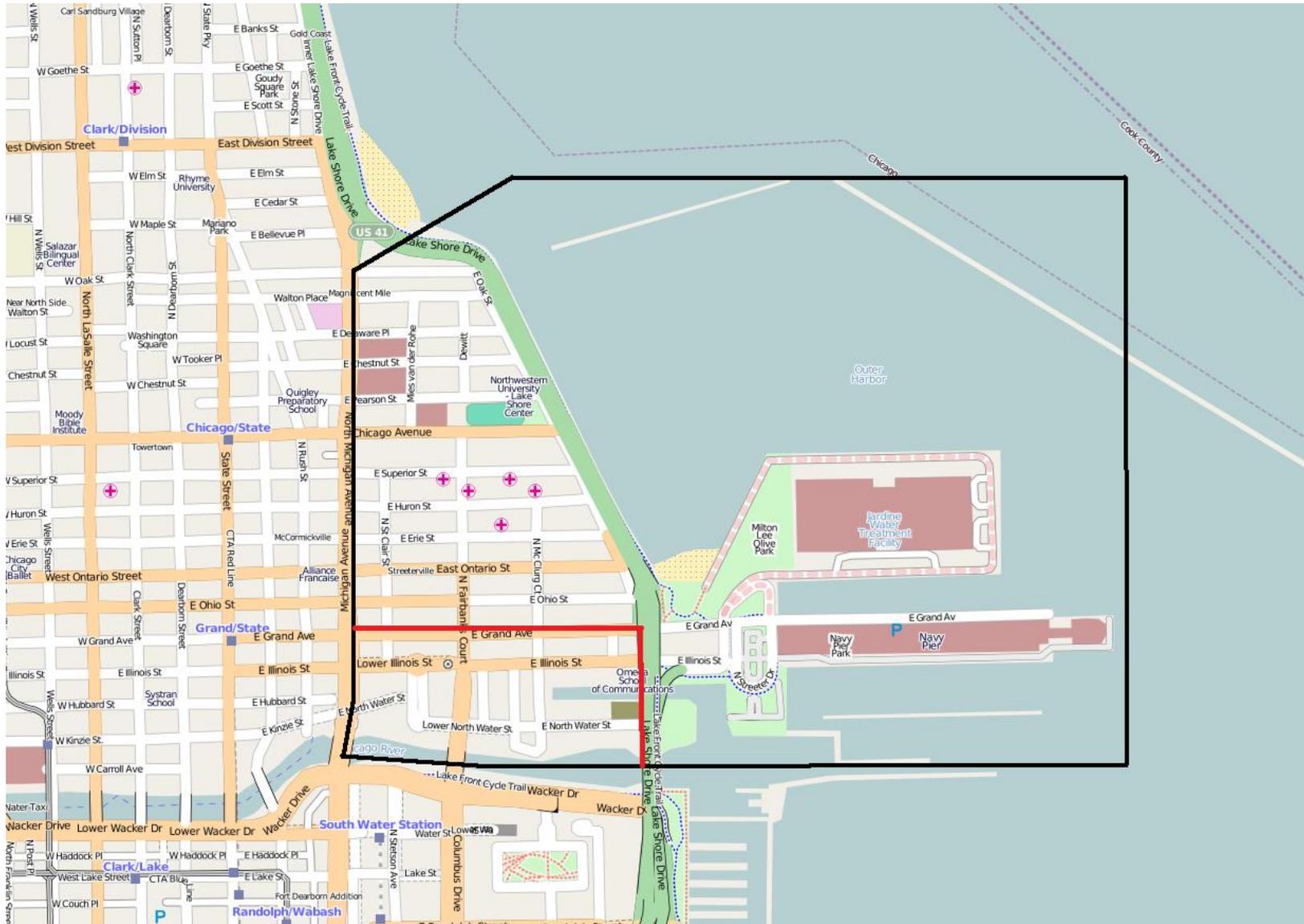
**Murasaki Sake** – This lounge on East Ontario is well known for having what could be best described as a cool speakeasy like flavor. Its low hung turquoise lights, pink walls, fluorescent halo wrapped columns practically scream jazz age. Fortunately, Murasaki's also the best sake bar in town, with DJ's who know their business and a pricey but thorough list of top-shelf Asian grog and succulent Japanese tasters.

**Sayat Nova** – Named for a famous troubadour this Armenian restaurant's unassuming facade conceals a cavernous, lantern-lit, interior that boasts low ceilings, semiprivate romantic alcoves, the aforementioned light fixtures, and a variety of attractive cultural artifacts on display. Sayat Nova's agreeably seasoned cuisine makes for an enjoyable casual lunch or dinner in the heart of Streeterville.

**Pelago Ristorante** – This spot pairs classic Italian flourish with contemporary design to create a truly elegant 60-seat dining room. Situated in Streeterville's Raffaello hotel in Streeterville, Chef Mauro Mafri blends classic and contemporary Italian at this trendy eatery. Pelago has a lunch menu that offers up creative pastas served beside seafood or veal, and a dinner menu that features Italian seafood.

**Lookingglass Theatre** – Founded in 1988, and originally an itinerant company, the Lookingglass settled into its place in Chicago's always vibrant theatre-scene and into its home on 821 North Michigan Avenue in Streeterville. Winner of over 40 Joseph Jefferson Awards and known for productions ranging from The Little Prince and Rick Bayless in Cascabel to Lookingglass Alice and Manuscript Found in Saragossa—the Lookingglass Company tries to redefine the limits of theatrical experience and to make theatre exhilarating.





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