

description such as the date and location of birth (for an individual) and when the individual/organization became part of the community, the connection between the co-named street and whomever is being honored, and verifiable documentation of his, hers or that entity's contribution(s) to the community's improvement.

STREET CO-NAMING REQUEST APPLICATION

Please complete the following application and submit it with the required materials to the Community Board No. 2 Manhattan office.

Rec'd By Community Board 2, Man

1. Applicant's Name

John A Fratta

JUL 10 2023

2. Applicant's Telephone Number and e-mail

646-261-8619 jafatta@gmail.com

3. Applicant's Address

77 Fulton St #272 NYC NY 10038

4. Applicant's connection to proposed honoree

Vinny and I were Community
Leaders in Little Italy

5. Proposed Honoree's Name

Vincent "Vinny Peanuts" Cirelli Sabatino

6. Is proposed honoree an Individual or Non-profit Organization (check one)

7. Proposed Location for Co-naming

(NE; NW; SE; SW)

SW Corner Mulberry Street + Grand St

8. Does the proposed location already have a co-name? Yes No

a. If Yes indicate the current name

9. Has any other public area been named after the proposed honoree? Y N

a. If yes indicate the location

Attach any relevant documentation along with the required petition of support from the residents and businesses on the street proposed to be co-named.

JUL 10 2023

John A. Fratta
77 Fulton Street #27L
New York, New York 10038

Mark Diller, District Manager
Community Board 2, Manhattan
3 Washington Square Village 1A
New York, New York 10012

Dear Mr. Diller:

The Little Italy Community is requesting that we co-name the south west corner of Mulberry Street and Grand Street to Vincent "Vinny Peanuts" Cirelli Sabatino Corner. Vinny was a life-long resident of Little Italy and a fixture on the corner of Mulberry and Grand Streets. The love he has shown for Little Italy was known by the old timers and the new residents. Everyone knew Vinny and loved him. His wit and laughter was contagious.

Vinny was also a fighter for Little Italy. He attended many of the Community Board two meetings regarding the Feast of San Gennaro as well as the Little Italy Mall. He was always one of the first to step-up to help a neighbor. In the late 70's Vinny was there fighting for the Little Italy Special District. He was also one who fought to build the first new affordable housing in Little Italy in 75 years at 21 Spring Street.

Attached, please find his resume as well an article in the newspaper following his death. Roger Clark from New York One News knew Vinny and interviewed him. Vinny was one of those unsung heroes that we very rarely hear about. He just rolled up his sleeves and got done what needed to be done. Attached, also is a petition that was signed by Little Italy residents supporting this co-naming.

Please support this request.

Sincerely,
John A. Fratta
John A. Fratta

CC: Councilmember Christopher Marte

Vincent Cirelli Sabatino

Vincent Cirelli Sabatino "Vinny Peanuts" was born July 12, 1951 and was raised on Mulberry St. where he remained all of his life.

Through his early days he worked the family business with his grandmother who came to NYC in the early 20's from Avellino, Italy. She had a store on Mulberry St. as well as a booth in all the Italian feasts in the area and beyond selling nuts, Italian nougat candy (torrone) and biscotti which she made in her basement at 163 Mulberry St.

When she passed away Vincent continued the business and took over her store at 151 Mulberry St. and continued having the candy and nut stand in the feasts including the famous feast of San Gennaro where he was located at the corner of Mulberry and Grand St.

In his later years he had a cart on the corner of Mulberry and Grand selling the same items along with his famous Vinny's Nut House™ T-shirts every weekend from April thru December which became a NYC institution.

He was known throughout the whole neighborhood from the old timers to the newcomers. Everyone knew him and everyone loved him and his personality always making everyone laugh along with his 6,000 followers on Instagram.

When he passed away from complications from COVID-19 the outpouring response was overwhelming, not just from the neighborhood residence but from the whole city.

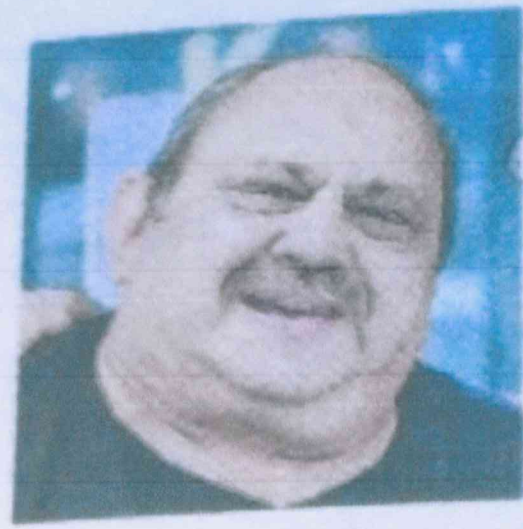
I have included an article written about him a few weeks after his passing from the New York Post along with a tweet about him from Roger Clark of NY1.

Vinny Peanuts, 68

Little Italy

There's a makeshift memorial to Vinny Cirelli, overflowing with flowers and photos, at the intersection of Mulberry and Grand streets. It was this corner where Cirelli, who died April 13, operated his Vinny's Nut House stand for some five decades. Hence his ubiquitous nickname: Vinny Peanuts.

"He used to stay there from Easter until New Year's Eve," says Joe Fratta, his brother-in-law, adding that — beyond assorted nuts — Cirelli became known



... Italian torrone, cookies and wa-



Roger Clark  @RogerClark41 · Apr 14 ⋮

RIP Vinny Peanuts - fixture @SanGennaroNYC in Little Italy for years selling Torrone - we interviewed him on @NY1 back in September - another loss to the #coronavirus #Covid #NYC



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Name	Address	Signature
Kranen Kinze Cha-Cha		Kan Kin Cha-Cha
Albert	188 Grand St. N.Y. N.Y. 10013	
Joseph Gferray	108 Mulberry La Bella FERRARO	
Willie Dominguez	President L.I.M.A.	
115 Mulberry St	N.Y. N.Y. 10013	
Marisa Caizagano	119 Mulberry St N.Y. 10013	
Nish Mehta	118 Mulberry St. N.Y. 10013	
Masom JACK	110 " " NY " " " "	
124	" " " " " "	
190 Grand St	10013	
Gambeter	132 Mulberry St	
Gianna Magoni	130 Mulberry St apt #7 10013	
Geraldine Gualino	139 Mulberry St #5 10013	
Mary Ann Tognoni	172 Mulberry St apt 14	
PS GFT SITEP	172 MULBERRY ST MDIA CAPNER	
Anthony CIPPO	174 MULBERRY ST - City Off	
James Basri	384 Broome St	
Silva Reiser	166 Mulberry St	
AMICI RISTORANTE	165 MULBERRY ST	
Andrea Abanti	165 " St	
BENNY	167 LAMELA	
PAUL	167 LAMELA	
GRANIT	167-LAMELA	
Anna Caputo	163 Mulberry St	
Anna Cristofani	171 Mulberry St	
Maria Martello	168 Mulberry St C14	
Angela Martello	168 Mulberry St 1	
Giorgio Martello	168 Mulberry St 24	
John Fule	384 Broome St	
MASSIMO TRIOLU	384 Broome St.	
Daisy Thompson	183 Matts.	

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Name	Address	Signature
Vincent Zeccardi	385 Broome St NY NY	
VIRIAN CATENARRO	176 1/2 MULBERRY ST - NYC	
	141 MULBERRY ST - NYC	
LOUIS CUCINOTTA	170 MULBERRY ST	
ANTOINETTE CUCINOTTA	170 MULBERRY ST	ANTOINETTE CUCINOTTA
Barbara Casalone	191 Grand St NYC	
Frank Casalone	191 Grand St NYC	
Camille Welsh	141 Mulberry St NYC	
Patricia Valentino	190 Hester St NYC	
DEBRA LOZZI	21 Spring St. NYC 10012	Debra Lozzi
Frances Casalini	163 Mulberry St NYC Apt 5 10013	
annamaria casalini	21 Spring St NYC 10012, NY	
Emily DePalo	209 Grand St, 1A NY 10013	
Antoinette Tuzzio	176 Hester St - 113.	
BARBARA MAIETTA	119 Mott St, NY, NY	
COLETTE CARATO	119 Mott St, NY, NY	
LARA KOEPE	119 Mott St, NY, NY	
Jude Toffe	119 Mott St, NY, NY	
Michael Vena	169 Mulberry St. NYC. apt	
Frank Tapani	240 Mulberry St NYC	
Annette Curygan	169 Mulberry St NYC	
Toni Ann Vede	169 Mulberry St NYC	
Frank Ancherer	238 Mulberry St NYC	
Annelle Curygan	169 Mulberry St NYC	
Tricia Fratka (neice)	77 Fulton St NY NY	
Carroll Russo	22 Mulberry St NYC	
E ROSSI & COMPANY	193 GRAND STREET NY NY 10013	

Sister
 MR + MRS Beatrix Fratka (Cirelli) 90 Gold Street NY NY 10038