

Public Services

Public Safety

The Roanoke Police Department divides the city into 14 districts. The Grandin Court neighborhood is completely contained in District 9, but also includes the neighborhoods of Wasena, Franklin Road, and part of Raleigh Court. District 9 contains the fourth lowest "calls for service" in the city with 4,987 calls for fiscal year 02/03. Calls for service and reports increased 19% in 2002. Fire Station Number 7 serves the area for fire and emergency responses. Located at 1742 Memorial Avenue, S.W., the 1922, two-story brick fire station houses an engine and a ladder truck. The Fire/EMS Strategic Business Plan recommends future improvements to this station to continue its operation.

Recycling

According to the current comprehensive plan for the city, Vision 2001-2020, recycling and resource recovery will be promoted as a regional solid waste management tool. Roanoke provides curbside recycling collection throughout the neighborhood.

Public Schools and Libraries

Numerous schools and a library serve the community. Children attend Grandin Court Elementary School, James Madison Middle School, and Patrick Henry High School. Grandin Court Elementary and Patrick Henry are located within the neighborhood plan boundaries. Residents have easy access to the Raleigh Court Public Library.



Window detail at Grandin Court Elementary School.

Grandin Court Elementary School was built in 1950 to ease the overcrowding conditions at Virginia Heights School, and coincided with the development of the Spring Valley subdivision. The REACH program for preschoolers with disabilities had been housed here since its beginning in 1978. In 2000, the school underwent a major renovation with a library expansion, new classrooms, windows, and heating and cooling systems. The attractive school stands on 11 acres, with about half of it wooded and home to local wildlife.

James Madison Middle School, located at Brambleton Avenue and Overland Road, serves approximately 530 students in grades six, seven, and eight. This school is the first fully SOL-accredited middle school in Roanoke.



Patrick Henry High School serves the whole city, and is under Phase I of a major construction project that will be completed in three phases beginning in 2006, then 2007, and 2008. This educational facility will continue to serve as a neighborhood asset. It will contain a health and fitness center, but it is undetermined as to whether it will be open to the public. Patrick Henry was constructed in 1966 to serve 1,200 students. In 1975, the school's capacity expanded to 1,600 students and a new auditorium was constructed. The current campus also houses Raleigh Court Elementary and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School.

Built in 1966, the one-story brick Raleigh Court Public Library was expanded and renovated in 1982. Virginia Western Community College, located on Colonial Avenue, is an asset to the city, and offers continuing educational opportunities near the neighborhood.

Public Services Issues:

- Reorganize the Grandin Court Civic League in conjunction with the Police Department for better awareness and control of crime.
- Encourage recycling.