



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County Joint Statement on Community Concerns**

Just before 12 PM on March 5, 2025, citizens and business owners in the Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County were shaken when an influx of calls that came in regarding the smell of natural gas. As of today, there have been over 600 locations for reports of the smell of natural gas.

The Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County first responders as well as several other agencies responded immediately and activated the joint emergency operations center to assess the situation and provide for the safety and needs of our community.

Representatives from the utility provider, Columbia Gas of Virginia, responded to Warrenton upon receiving notification from the Town and County Emergency Management. Our shared priorities continue to be the safety of our citizens and their properties, and to ensure Columbia Gas is diligently restoring service to those affected locations.

We share your concerns that the cause of the service disruptions has not yet been identified besides over odorization. Town and County leadership continue to work together and to meet with Columbia Gas to receive updates on their restoration progress and investigation of the cause. ***They have assured us that their natural gas systems in Warrenton are as safe as they were before the March 5 disruptions.*** We assure you that every effort is being made to provide you with the best information as it becomes available to us.

Additionally, if you have any concerns or questions, please call the Town's Emergency Hotline at (540) 215-0054, option #4 to leave a message and the Town will respond as soon as possible.

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