

Sewage to blame for strong odor in Warrenton

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Homeowners just outside Warrenton have learned to live with a strong odor that is permeating from the sewer.

“It gets rough sometimes,” resident Shirley Davis said.

Resident Deborah Mayfield described the odor as “terrible” and said it has caused her family to run into the house.

Drivers find it tough to deal with as well. Sandra Hargrove found it hard to explain, but said “It’s really terrible.”

The smell’s origin is miles away at a sewage containment facility in the western part of the county. From there, sewage flows back toward Warrenton. It takes 11 days for the sewage to get there.

At one point, the sewage begins to emit hydrogen sulfide gas, which causes the smell to invade homes and businesses.

“It’s been some tough times,” Warren County Public Utilities Director Macon Robertson said.

Robertson said the state tested the air quality years ago and found levels weren’t high enough to pose any health dangers.

Now, county leaders have plans to use a \$350,000 state grant to move the sewer line and hopefully the smell for good.

Officials hope to begin work on moving the sewer line later this summer.

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