

## **Streetlights essential to seniors' safety**

How many weeks does it take to replace a street light?

On my street, all my neighbors are elderly seniors. One of them called me and said that they had reported a street light out to the city, and asked if I would call and report it. So after three days of no answer from the city I got a voice mail and left word for someone to call me.

Two days went by and no one called. My neighbor said that the city had told her that they had referred it to the power company so I called Mon Power, and of course they had no record of the light being out. So I reported it and received a work order number. The lady at the power company said they were behind and it would take at least a week. I explained that it had already been three weeks and our neighbors were elderly and needed the light fixed. She apologized and said it would be at least a week.

So I e-mailed Delegate Barbara Fleischauer, D-Monongalia, and called Eldon Callen, a Monongalia County commissioner. I explained the problem and asked them for their help. Two days later our street light was on.

Street lights are for everyone's safety, including seniors. It shouldn't take three weeks and two days to get a street light back on. Something this important should be repaired immediately. Safety should come first.

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