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Brunswick Post Office Says Goodbye to Moby

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Moby, whose full name is Mubashir Malik, has been the front desk clerk and main face of the Brunswick Post Office since 2007. He retired at the end of May, ending a 29-year career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Moby began his career as a substitute rural mail carrier in Jefferson and worked at the Braddock Post Office before coming to Brunswick as a clerk. Known by nearly everyone who uses the Brunswick Post Office, Moby always had a cheerful greeting and could answer just about any question for customers.

What he'll miss most

Moby said that he has met so many people from Brunswick and he has made so many friends over the years. This is what he is going to miss the most, all the wonderful connections he has made. He said, "Brunswick customers would come in and talk with me and tell me stories about their lives. It has made me feel so special."

In some instances, patrons of the post office have become close friends of the Maliks. Moby reported that there are two different couples who have become family friends and



come to his home every Thanksgiving to share his family's dinner. Another patron, originally from France, once gave Moby the watch off his wrist. Moby says, "He calls me when he is in France for visits, and he brings me back little treats from his home country." Moby hopes all these friendships will continue into his retirement.

Moby wanted to be sure to thank his co-workers. He said they are hardworking people. The carriers work long hours in extreme heat and cold. Work at the post office is very demanding, Moby said, and he regularly put in overtime hours. He reports that he never had a regular full weekend off until

his last two years. He said that he is really looking forward to enjoying the freedom he will have now.

Throughout his final day at the post office, Moby greeted patrons. His co-workers had a staff dinner for him after his last work day. In addition, Moby's wife, Carla, had an open house to celebrate his retirement at Beans in the Belfry on the following Saturday. Many friends, relatives, colleagues, as well as previously retired postal workers attended the celebration to wish him well.

Moby offered this advice, "Money isn't as important as good health. Retire while you can still enjoy your life!" ■