

**Top Ozone Park Business
Knows All The Right Moves
No Job Too Big, Small or Remote**

by Rob MacKay

James Rueda, president of Moving Right Along, has made opposites attract. Whether you're moving or going absolutely nowhere, he can help you do it efficiently. If you're selling, he'll buy. But if you're in the market for something, he's got a deal for you. Time to clean up? Okay. Time to pile up? Sounds good. He can let you do it yourself, or he can lend you a hand.

With a warehouse in both Ozone Park (35,000 square feet) and Glendale (10,000 square feet) and a fleet of trucks, vans and a furniture taxi, MRA has been providing shipping, packing, moving, storage and cleanout services—as well as furniture exchange—for 21 years.

The storage facility, secured with cameras, alarms, climate control and sprinkler systems, can be used to safeguard anything from vital documents to cars.

But MRA is also an authorized agent for UPS and Federal Express, sending cargo to places as far away as France and as nearby as Francis Lewis Boulevard.

The USTA, for example, employs MRA to ship official scoreboards, benches and judge's seats to tournament locales throughout the country. And time is no object. If requested, MRA can wait and move items at staggered intervals. "We'll store 75 pieces in our warehouse and then slowly deliver them to any place on the planet that the customer desires," says Rueda.

Or they can move it all at once. Currently, MRA is relocating an architectural firm's belongings—computers, work stations, file cabinets—from one office to a new Manhattan location at an as-soon-as-possible speed.

If the rush is extreme, they'll do everything in a day, or less. The Rosie O'Donnell Show once employed MRA when making random people's houses beautiful. Rueda's crew removed all the furniture from the selected houses while O'Donnell's crew redecorated the walls and windows.

After filming, MRA moved everything back.

For the Marlon Brandos and Stanley Kowalskis of the world, a business can set up a mini-office at the Ozone Park warehouse, replete with fax machine, telephone, desk and computer. "That's a great service for a traveling salesman," says Rueda. "No matter where you go, you have a home base. Remember, you can store your merchandise there, too, so you can get it out to clients as need be."

Then there's the used furniture aspect of the business. Employees Bob Meditz and Bill Young will buy or accept donated items that they then sell out of the Glendale warehouse. They also rent out interior pieces, especially to set designers. As such, MRA furniture has been seen on the TV series NYPD Blue



Moving Right Along utilizes two warehouses and a fleet of trucks (pictured above with their drivers), vans and a furniture taxi to provide shipping, packing, moving, storage and cleanout services. They also buy and sell

and on the silver screen in Rounders and the latest remake of Alfred Hitchcock's Rear Window.

Actually, the list of celebrities that employ MRA is rather extensive. Rueda was on People's Court once as the defendant in a moving claim which he won. The producer was so impressed that the show ended up hiring MRA.

A new facet -

Within the next week, MRA will add a new service, which Rueda describes as "self-service with a twist." Employees will bring portable, self-storage containers to a customer's house. Once filled, the employees will take the containers back to the warehouse for safe-keeping. It's kind of the reverse of home delivery of goods.

"It's warehouse security with curbside convenience," says Rueda. "It saves a lot of time and hassle for the customer, and it's been very popular in other states. It should take off."

For Forest Hills-bred Rueda, who is 42, this is a lifelong passion. He first started moving furniture for an upholster at age 17. While in college, he ran Jim's Moving Company ("A man with a van," he laughs.) until the name and size changed in 1981.

"Moving has been my life, but it's also been a way to see all aspects of other people's lives," he says. "We work for large companies and individuals and we work for people after births and deaths, marriages and divorces, mergers and bankruptcies. I've seen it all."

It seems like opposites really do attract.

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