

FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURAN JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP [FFIC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1979 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE E140

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/20/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Street)
 LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2008 | 08/20/2008 | M | | 26,000 (1) \$ 7.77 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,400 (2) | I | 401(k) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option Exercise (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.77 | 08/20/2008 | 08/20/2008 | M | 26,000 | <u>(1)</u> 01/21/2011 | Common Stock | 26,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BURAN JOHN R 179 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE E140 LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Signed by Russell A. Fleishman under Power of Attorney by John R.
Buran

08/22/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Stock option exercise from January 2001 grant. Options became exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) Shares held in FSB 401(k) a/o 8/21/08.

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