FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BURAN JOHN R** Issuer Symbol FLUSHING FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [FFIC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1979 MARCUS AVENUE, SUITE 08/20/2008 President & CEO E140 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAKE SUCCESS, NY 11042

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | ecurit | ies Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securiti | ies Ac | quired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Dis | posed | of (D) | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2008 | 08/20/2008 | M | 26,000 (1) | A | \$ 7.77 | 104,477 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 | М | 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 | | | | | | | |

1979 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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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