

# 82nd Street Partnership unveils restoration of historic Jackson Heights building

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The 82nd Street Partnership gathered with Small Business Services (SBS) Commissioner Robert Walsh, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Landmarks Preservation Commission Jenny Fernandez ; SBS Deputy Commissioner Elizabeth De Leon; community leaders, groups and merchants to unveil the restoration of a historic building at 82-01 Roosevelt Avenue.

Together with the Jackson Heights Historic District, the 82nd Street Partnership has unveiled a restoration which marks the beginning of bringing a new look to the diverse area.

The 82nd Street Partnership gathered with representatives from the City's Department of Small Business Services (SBS), Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), community leaders, groups and merchants to unveil the restoration of a historic building at 82-01 Roosevelt Avenue.

The Tuesday unveiling was the beginning of the "Storefront Restoration Program" which will restore building façades and enhance the district's sense of place by the end of the year.

The 82nd Street Partnership was one of the seven Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) which won SBS' 2013 "Neighborhood Challenge" initiative with the goal to encourage innovation and creativity in local economic development programming.

Investing in the \$50,000 award it received from the "challenge," the BID set out to support property owners and merchants in Jackson Heights by assisting them with free design assistance and offering a matching construction grant as part of the new restoration program.

By the end of the year the program will have renovated seven ground floor and three upper floor storefronts at three properties on 82nd Street between 37th and Roosevelt Avenue enhancing the "look and feel" of the area by making the businesses more attractive and inviting to a larger group of customers.



Before



After

The overall restorations will help bring improvements to the area's quality of life, help preserve retail diversity and improve business conditions, according to the 82nd Street Partnership.

Along with the restorations, the program will also remove 20 LPC violations from three properties.