

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2010

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2010

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-19065 (Commission File Number)	52-1532952 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 774-6400

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Mr. Dennis A. Starliper was elected a director of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. at the regular meeting of the board of directors on February 24, 2010. Mr. Starliper's committee appointments will be determined following the annual meeting of shareholders.

Mr. Starliper, age 63, is the former Chief Financial Officer for Provident Bankshares Corporation.

The Company issued a news release announcing the appointment of Mr. Starliper on February 25, 2010. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 25, 2010, the Company announced that the Board of Directors has adopted a new dividend payment schedule. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### Exhibits

Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated February 25, 2010
99.2	Press Release dated February 25, 2010

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 25, 2010

By: /s/ Daniel J. Schrider  
Daniel J. Schrider  
President and Chief Executive Officer