

ASTORIA FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 425  
November 18, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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): November 18, 2015**

**NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**1-31565**  
**Commission**  
**File Number**

**06-1377322**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**(516) 683-4100**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**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 8.01 Other Events

Beginning on November 18, 2015, New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) intends to distribute and make available to investors, and to post on its website, a written presentation regarding its proposed merger with Astoria Financial Corporation (Astoria Financial), in addition to certain other strategic actions it announced on October 29, 2015: the repositioning of its balance sheet in the current fourth quarter; the underwritten common stock offering that was completed on November 4, 2015; and the proposed adjustment to its quarterly cash dividend, beginning in the first quarter of 2016.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the text of a written presentation that the Company intends to distribute and make available to investors, and to post on its website, beginning on November 18, 2015.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: November 18, 2015

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola

Ilene A. Angarola

Executive Vice President

and Director, Investor Relations

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Exhibit 99.1 Written presentation to be distributed and made available to investors, and posted on the Company's website, beginning on November 18, 2015.