

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 15, 2005

**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

April 15, 2005  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-16197                      22-3537895  
(Commission File Number)    (IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

158 Route 206, Peapack-Gladstone, New Jersey 07934  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(908) 234-0700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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**Other Events, Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 15, 2005, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation disseminated a press release reporting the initiation of a stock buyback program. The press release is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(C) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation, dated April 15, 2005.

**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.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: April 15, 2005

By: /s/ Arthur F. Birmingham  
Arthur F. Birmingham  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.  
99.1

Title  
Press Release of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation dated April 15, 2005