

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2009

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): September 30, 2009

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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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 30, 2009, Hunter R. Hollar, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), informed the Company that he will retire from the Company's Board of Directors as of December 31, 2009.

Item Other Events  
8.01

On September 30, 2009, the Company appointed current director, Mr. Robert L. Orndorff, as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Orndorff will assume the position of Chairman of the Board on December 31, 2009.

The Company issued a news release announcing the retirement of Mr. Hollar and the appointment of Mr. Orndorff on October 1, 2009. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits  
9.01

Exhibits

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 1, 2009

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: October 1, 2009

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