

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
July 23, 2007

**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): **July 23, 2007**

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.)

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)

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:

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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

On July 23, 2007, Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. issued a news release announcing that Joseph J. O'Brien, Jr. had joined Sandy Spring Bank as Executive Vice President of the Potomac Bank Division. Mr. O'Brien will be a member of the Bank's executive leadership team and will assume the position of President of the Potomac Bank Division upon the retirement of the current President at the end of the year. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated July 23, 2007 |

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: July 23, 2007

By: /s/ Hunter R. Hollar

Hunter R. Hollar
President and Chief Executive Officer