

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2008

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): December 19, 2008

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

Effective December 19, 2008, Sara E. Watkins, formerly Executive Vice President of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company) and Sandy Spring Bank (the "Bank"), is no longer employed by the Company or the Bank.

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: December 22, 2008

By: /s/ Daniel J. Schrider  
Daniel J. Schrider  
President