

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2009

**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): February 20, 2009**

**BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>0-51584</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>04-3510455</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>01201</b> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(413) 443-5601**

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 20, 2009, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), the holding company of Berkshire Bank, issued a press release announcing the launch of the Company’s Community Investment Program on March 16, 2009. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

This information, including the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired.

Not Applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not Applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions.

Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is attached as part of this report:  
99.1 Press release of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. dated February 20, 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.

**Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.**

DATE: February 23, 2009

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley

Kevin P. Riley,  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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