

STERLING BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2006

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**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) May 1, 2006**  
**Commission File Number: 1-5273-1**  
**Sterling Bancorp**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**New York**

**13-2565216**

**(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)**

**(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**650 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York**

**10019-6108**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(212) 757- 3300**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**N/A**

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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 (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 7.01**

**REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On May 1, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing that it will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 index effective the close of business on May 3, 2006. The Company's press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

On May 1, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the planned opening of its newest Queens branch to be located at 80-00 Sutphin Boulevard in Jamaica, New York. The Company's press release is included as Exhibit 99.2.

**ITEM 9.01**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated May 1, 2006 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

99.2 Press release dated May 1, 2006 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

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**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.

DATE: May 2, 2006

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit  
Number

99.1 Press Release dated May 1, 2006

99.2 Press Release dated May 1, 2006