

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 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): March 18, 2008

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>000-19065</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>52-1532952</u> (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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant**

On March 18, 2008, the Company engaged Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

**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: March 18, 2008

By:

/s/ Hunter R. Hollar

Hunter R. Hollar

President and Chief Executive Officer