

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
March 17, 2010

**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 17, 2010

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

000-19065

52-1532952

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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)

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Item 8.01 Other Information.

On March 17, 2010, Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) announced the commencement of an underwritten public offering of approximately \$83 million of its common stock. The underwriters will be granted a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 15% of the shares sold to cover over-allotments, if any.

The press release announcing the stock offering is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 17, 2010

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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 17, 2010

By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall
Ronald E. Kuykendall
Executive Vice President and General
Counsel

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