

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)

<b><u>Maryland</u></b>	<b><u>000-19065</u></b>	<b><u>52-1532952</u></b>
(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)

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 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