

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)

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 8.01 Other Events.

Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. is distributing the letter to shareholders included in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, together with its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and its proxy statement for the annual meeting of shareholders, beginning on or about March 18, 2008.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Other Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Letter to shareholders

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