

STERLING BANCORP
Form 8-K
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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 2, 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)

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ITEM 7.01

REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On May 2, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing a conference call to be held on May 4, 2006 at 10:00 am to discuss its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1.

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OTHER EVENTS

On May 2, 2006, the Company announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.19 per common share payable on June 30, 2006 to shareholders of record on June 15, 2006.

ITEM 9.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated May 2, 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 3, 2006

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated May 2, 2006