

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2012

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): **January 18, 2012**

**SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	000-19065	52-1532952
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)		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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 18, 2012, Mr. David E. Rippeon notified Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) that he will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Company upon the expiration of his current term at the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Rippeon’s decision to not stand for re-election was not due to any disagreement with the Company or its management regarding any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices.

**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: February 13, 2012 By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall  
Ronald E. Kuykendall  
General Counsel and Secretary