

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
August 09, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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): August 9, 2011

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-33898 (Commission File Number)	20-4652200 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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10 Meridian Street, East Boston, Massachusetts (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	02128 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 567-1500**

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 8.01. Other Events

On August 9, 2011, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. (the Registrant) announced that it has completed its third repurchase program, which consisted of 472,428 shares at an average price of \$12.53 and adopted a fourth repurchase program for up to 904,224 shares of its common stock. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit 99 Press release dated August 9, 2011

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.

**MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP,
INC.**

DATE: August 9, 2011

By: /s/ Richard J. Gavegnano
Richard J. Gavegnano
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99	Press release dated August 9, 2011