

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
August 30, 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): **August 29, 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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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.

Ralph F. Boyd, Jr. and Mei Xu were elected directors of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. at the regular meeting of the board of directors on August 29, 2012. Mr. Boyd will serve on the Credit and Investment Risk Committee and Ms. Xu will serve on the Compensation Committee.

Mr. Boyd, age 55, is the former President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation.

Ms. Xu, age 44, is the President and co-founder of Pacific Trade International, Inc.

The Company issued a news release announcing the appointment of Mr. Boyd and Ms. Xu on August 30, 2012. A copy of the news release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

NumberDescription

99.1 Press Release dated August 30, 2012

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**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: August 30, 2012 By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall  
Ronald E. Kuykendall  
General Counsel and Secretary