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SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC

Form 8-K October 12, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

| | CURRENT REPORT | |
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| Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 | | |
| Date of Report (Date of earliest | t event reported): Octo | ober 11, 2004 |
| | | |
| Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. | | |
| (Exact name of reg | istrant as specified in | n its charter) |
| Maryland | 0-19065 | 52-1532952 |
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission file | |
| 17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Ma | | |
| (Address of Principal Executive | | |
| Registrant's telephone number, | including area code: | (301) 774-6400 |
| Check the appropriate box below simultaneously satisfy the filin following provisions: | | |
| [] Written communications pursu (17 CFR 230.425) | | |
| [] Soliciting material pursuant | l lo kule 14a-12 under | the Exchange Act |

- 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
- [] 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors;
 Appointment of Principal Officers.
- Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

(17 CFR 240.14a-12)

The following information is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Item 5.02 and furnished to the Commission under Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K.

(b) Effective October 11, 2004, Lawrence T. Lewis, former Executive Vice

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President and Chief Investment Officer, of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. and Sandy Spring Bank, who has retired, and James H. Langmead, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, are no longer employed by the Company or the Bank.

(c) Philip Mantua has been appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. and Sandy Spring Bank, effective October 12, 2004. Mr. Mantua also is responsible for the investment portfolio responsibilities of the former Chief Investment Officer.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. Not applicable.

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.

By: Hunter R. Hollar

Hunter R. Hollar President and

Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 12, 2004