

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

October 15, 2013

**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): **October 8, 2013**

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-15781
(Commission File No.)

04-3510455
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01201
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(413) 443-5601**

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 8, 2013, George F. Bacigalupo, age 58, was appointed by Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) and Berkshire Bank (the Bank) as Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking. Mr. Bacigalupo previously served as Senior Vice President Chief Credit Officer of the Bank from 2011 through the date of his appointment as Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking. Mr. Bacigalupo has over 30 years of lending and commercial banking experience. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Bacigalupo was Executive Vice President of Specialty Lending at TD Banknorth. Subsequently, at TD Bank, he was the Senior Lender for New England.

On October 15, 2013, the Company issued a news release regarding Mr. Bacigalupo's appointment. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed filed for any purpose.

Item 9.01. **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Berkshire Hills Bancorp Inc. News Release Issued on October 15, 2013 |

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.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: October 15, 2013

By: /s/ Michael P. Daly
Michael P. Daly
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer