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SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC Form 8-K July 13, 2006

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): July 10, 2006

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) COMMISSION FILE NUMBER:	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
17801 Georgia Avenue	
Olney, MD 20832	
(Address and zip code of principal executive office	es)
301-774-6400	

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Item 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Effective July 10, 2006, Frank L. Bentz, III, former Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. and Sandy Spring Bank, has resigned his position and accepted the position of Senior Vice President, Information Security Officer of Sandy Spring Bank.

SIGNATURE

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: /s/ Philip J. Mantua

Name: Philip J. Mantua

Title: EVP, Chief Financial Officer Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2006