

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RUPPERT CRAIG A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/26/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/26/2008 | | A | 280 | A | \$ 0 | 280 | I | Restricted Stock Award ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 33,325 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 215 | I | By Stock Award ⁽³⁾ |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.96 | 03/26/2008 | | A | 1,251 | 03/26/2009 ⁽²⁾ | 03/26/2015 | Common Stock | 1,251 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.13 | | | | | 12/14/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/14/2012 | Common Stock | 1,717 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.91 | | | | | 12/17/2003 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 966 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 37.4 | | | | | 12/13/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 12/13/2013 | Common Stock | 1,251 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38 | | | | | 12/15/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/15/2014 | Common Stock | 1,275 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.25 | | | | | 12/11/2002 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/11/2012 | Common Stock | 746 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RUPPERT CRAIG A
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17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
OLNEY, MD 20832

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Ruppert 03/28/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock options are fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments on the anniversary dates of the award.

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