

INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL ESTATE TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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):

**January 9, 2009**

**INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL ESTATE TRUST, INC.**

(exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-51199**  
(Commission File Number)

**42-1579325**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2901 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60523**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(630) 218-8000**

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events**

Attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a letter to be sent by Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust, Inc. (the Company) to its shareholders in connection with, among other things, the Company's January monthly distribution, which letter will be sent on or about January 10, 2009 and which letter is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

The following Exhibit is included with this Report:

99.1 Letter to shareholders of Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust, Inc.

The statements and certain other information contained in this report, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, continue, remains, intend, aim, should, prospects, could, future, potential, believes, plans, like, the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbors created thereby. These statements should be considered as subject to the many risks and uncertainties that exist in the Company's operations and business environment. Such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, market demand and pricing, competitive and cost factors, and other risk factors.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**INLAND WESTERN RETAIL REAL  
ESTATE TRUST, INC.**  
(Registrant)

By: */s/ Steven P. Grimes*  
Steven P. Grimes  
Chief Operating Officer, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 9, 2009

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Letter to shareholders of Inland Western Retail Real Estate Trust, Inc. |