CHARMING SHOPPES INC Form 8-K April 30, 2009

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): April 30, 2009

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA 000-07258 23-1721355 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3750 STATE ROAD, BENSALEM, PA

(Address of principal executive offices)

19020

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 245-9100

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 30, 2009 Charles T. Hopkins notified us that he has decided not to stand for re-election to our Board of Directors. Mr. Hopkins, who has been a member of our Board of Directors since 1999, cited personal reasons, and not any disagreement with us, as the basis for his decision. Mr. Hopkins' term as a director will expire at our 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which we expect to hold on June 25, 2009.

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.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC. (Registrant)

Date: April 30, 2009 /S/ ERIC M. SPECTER

Eric M. Specter Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer