

NEW YORK COMMUNITY 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 *
 CARPENTER JAMES J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC [NYB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 615 MERRICK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr.EVP & Chief Lending Officer

WESTBURY, NY 11590
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 884 A \$ 0 | 34,640 | I | By ESOP |
| Common Stock | 01/09/2009 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 22 A \$ 12.03 | 5,353 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2009 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 22 A \$ 12.23 | 5,375 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2009 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 22 A \$ 11.84 | 5,397 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 02/17/2009 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 24 A \$ 11.18 | 5,421 | I | By 401(k) |

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| Common Stock | 02/20/2009 | | J ⁽²⁾ | V | 138 | A | \$ 9.71 | 5,559 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,166 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 15,000 | I | By Stock Award ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 9,930 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 35,000 | I | By Stock Award II ⁽⁴⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 8.65 | | | Code V (A) (D) | | 01/18/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/18/2011 | Common Stock | 11,564 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.5 | | | | | 12/21/2003 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/21/2011 | Common Stock | 19,844 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.85 | | | | | 07/24/2004 ⁽⁷⁾ 07/24/2012 | Common Stock | 35,556 |

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| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.06 | 01/21/2004 ⁽⁸⁾ | 01/21/2013 | Common Stock | 14,222 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.06 | 12/30/2005 ⁽⁹⁾ | 01/21/2013 | Common Stock | 7,111 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.5 | 09/16/2004 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 09/16/2013 | Common Stock | 13,333 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.5 | 12/30/2005 ⁽¹¹⁾ | 09/16/2013 | Common Stock | 6,667 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARPENTER JAMES J 615 MERRICK AVENUE WESTBURY, NY 11590 | | | Sr.EVP & Chief Lending Officer | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Ilene A. Angarola, Power of Attorney 02/23/2009

__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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) This form reflects an increase in beneficial ownership resulting from dividend reinvestment pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (3) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on April 20, 2009.
- (4) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan vest in five equal annual installments commencing on April 4, 2009.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 1996 Haven Stock Option Plan are fully vested and exercisable as of January 18, 2004.
- (6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on December 21, 2003 and were fully vested and exercisable as of December 21, 2004.
- (7) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on July 24, 2004 and were fully vested and exercisable as of July 24, 2005.
- (8)

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Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on January 21, 2004 and were fully vested and are exercisable as of January 21, 2005.

- (9) Stock Options granted pursuant to the New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan were fully exercisable as of December 30, 2005.
- (10) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 1993 Haven Stock Option Plan vest in equal installments beginning on September 16, 2004 and were fully vested and are exercisable as of September 16, 2005.
- (11) Stock Options granted pursuant to 1993 Haven Stock Option Plan were fully exercisable as of December 30, 2005.

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