

ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 2012

**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):

**March 1, 2012 (February 29, 2012)**

**Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

**MARYLAND**

(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

**001-32136**  
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

**20-0057959**  
(IRS EMPLOYER ID. NUMBER)

**333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900**  
**Uniondale, New York**  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

**11553**  
(ZIP CODE)

**(516) 506-4200**

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(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 29, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board ) increased the size of the Board from eight (8) directors to nine (9) directors. In connection therewith, the Board appointed William C. Green as a Class I director to fill the newly created vacancy. A copy of the press release issued on March 1, 2012 regarding Mr. Green's appointment is filed as exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1                  | Press Release, dated March 1, 2012. |

**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.

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

|        |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|
| By:    | /s/ Paul Elenio         |
| Name:  | Paul Elenio             |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Date: March 1, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit Number**

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