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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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): August 31, 2011

#### SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-19065 (Commission File Number) 52-1532952 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 774-6400

Not Applicable (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:

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

(e) On August 31, 2011, the Board of Directors of Sandy Spring Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc., amended its Executive Incentive Retirement Plan to provide that for every plan year a guaranteed minimum deferral bonus equal to 3% of a plan participant's base salary paid during the plan year shall be credited to the participant's deferred benefit account under the plan.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

**Exhibits** 

Number Description

10.1Executive Incentive Retirement Plan, as amended

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#### **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.

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: September 1, 2011 By: /s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall

Ronald E. Kuykendall

General Counsel and Secretary

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