PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K July 22, 2008

### 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

July 21, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-16197 22-3537895 (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

158 Route 206, Peapack-Gladstone, New Jersey 07934 (Address of principal executive offices)

(908) 234-0700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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Other Events, Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 21, 2008, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation disseminated a press release reporting the extension of a stock buyback program. The press release is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(C) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation, dated July 21, 2008.

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#### **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.

Dated: July 22, 2008 PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arthur F. Birmingham

Arthur F. Birmingham Chief Financial Officer

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No. Title

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