

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2005

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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### 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): **May 16, 2005**

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#### MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-5127**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**52-0898572**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, Maryland 21203**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(410) 237-5900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On May 16, 2005, Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, a Maryland corporation ( Mercantile ), announced that the merger with Community Bank of Northern Virginia ( CBNV ) had been approved by the Shareholders of Community Bank of Northern Virginia. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c)	Exhibits	
	99.1	Press Release

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation  
(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2005

/s/ Terry L. Troupe  
Terry L. Troupe  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Executive Vice President

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>		<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release	

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