

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2006

## UNITED STATES

## 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): **December 11, 2006**

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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

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(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)

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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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o 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 December 11, 2006, the registrant issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Mercantile Bankshares Corporation**  
**(Registrant)**

Date: December 11, 2006

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

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit | Description   |
|---------|---------------|
| No.     |               |
| 99.1    | Press Release |

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