

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RIPPEON DAVID E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/26/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**OLNEY, MD 20832**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/26/2008		A		280	A	\$ 0	280	I	Restricted Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								9,765	D	
Common Stock								602	I	By Wife
Common Stock								4,095	I	In Ira
								1,050	I	

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Common Stock				In Wife's Ira
Common Stock	1,313	I		By Wife As Cust.
Common Stock	215	I		By Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2008		A	1,251	03/26/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,251
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	704
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/14/2012	Common Stock	1,806
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,125
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/13/2010	Common Stock	1,113

Buy)						
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25	12/21/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/21/2011	Common Stock	662	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25	12/11/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/11/2012	Common Stock	840	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4	12/13/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIPPEON DAVID E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Rippeon 03/28/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments on the anniversary dates of the award.

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