

RUPPERT CRAIG A  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
RUPPERT CRAIG A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/28/2012

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

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(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	03/28/2012		A	1,314 A \$ 0	1,314	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					57,833.797	D	
Common Stock					56	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock					888	D <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock					1,338	D <sup>(4)</sup>	

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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 Acquired (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/11/2012	Common Stock	746
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	966
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,275
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/14/2012	Common Stock	1,717
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,260

# Reporting Owners

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

# Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Ruppert 03/29/2012

\*\*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) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 28, 2013.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on March 26, 2009.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 31, 2011.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 30, 2012.
- (5) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.

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