

BENTZ FRANK L III
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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 *
 BENTZ FRANK L III

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)
 BENTZ, III, FRANK L., 17801
 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					2,699	I	401K
Common Stock					114	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 12/13/2010	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.42					12/17/1997 12/17/2007	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.21					12/15/1999 12/15/2009	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.33					12/16/1998 12/16/2008	Common Stock	1,125
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 12/11/2012	Common Stock	4,700
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 12/21/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004		A	6,050	12/15/2004 12/15/2014	Common Stock	6,050
Stock Options	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 12/17/2013	Common Stock	5,000

