MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP Form 8-K May 19, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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 18, 2005

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):

- 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))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

| Item 8.01 Other Events | | | | |
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| The previously announced merger between Mercantile Bankshares and Community Bank of Northern Virginia has been completed effective at 11:59 pm on May 18, 2005, a copy of the news release announcing the completion of the Merger is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and i incorporated by reference herein. | | | | |
| Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits | | | | |
| (c) | 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: May 18, 2005

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | | Description |
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