

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
July 22, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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): July 18, 2002

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware                                       |  | 0-27782                  |  | 11-3297463                        |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) |  | (Commission File Number) |  | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

209 Havemeyer Street, Brooklyn, New York 11211

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (718) 782-6200

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Items 1 through 7 and 9. Not Applicable.

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year

On July 18, 2002, the Board of Directors of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") approved a change in the Company's fiscal year end from June 30<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Company will file a Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the transition period July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

DIME  
COMMUNITY  
BANCSHARES,  
INC.

/S/ KENNETH J. MAHON

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth J. Mahon

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 19, 2002