

Kearny Financial Corp.  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2012

UNITED STATES  
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 March 23, 2012  
reported)

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

United States (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-51093 (Commission File Number)	22-3803741 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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120 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices)	07004 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 244-4500

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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)).
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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 23, 2012, the Registrant announced that it had completed its previously announced 5% open market stock repurchase program and that its Board of Directors had approved an additional open market stock repurchase program for up to 5% of its outstanding shares (approximately 802,780 shares) held by persons other than Kearny MHC. For further information, reference is made to the Registrant's press release, dated March 23, 2012, which is included with this Form 8-K as an exhibit.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished with this report.

Exhibit 99.1 -- Press Release dated March 23, 2012.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: March 23, 2012

By: /s/ Craig L. Montanaro  
Craig L. Montanaro  
President and Chief Executive Officer