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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
April 14, 2005

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 reported): April 12, 2005

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| ----- Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 001-31566 ----- (Commission File No.) | 42-1547151 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey ----- (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 07306-4599 ----- (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 12, 2005 the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, The Provident

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Bank, announced an agreement with the New Jersey Citizen Action and the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey with respect to a three-year, \$125.6 million program to assist low- and moderate-income communities in New Jersey. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of The Provident Bank dated April 12, 2005. |

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.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: April 14, 2005

By: /s/ Paul M. Pantozzi

Paul M. Pantozzi
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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