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Form 8-K

February 13, 2006

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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) February 13, 2006  
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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware -----	0-51584 -----	04-3510455 -----
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts -----		01201 -----
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601 -----		

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to  
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following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act  
(17 CFR 230.425)
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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the  
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the  
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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### ITEM 8.01 OTHER ITEMS.

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On February 13, 2006, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank, announced: (1) the hiring of President for its Pioneer Valley Region; and (2) that it has established a regional headquarters in Westfield, Massachusetts. A copy of the Company's press release announcing these items is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

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- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Shell Company Transactions: Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated February 13, 2006

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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.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: February 13, 2006

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude

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Wayne F. Patenaude  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer