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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) July 26, 2011

Commission File Number: 1-5273-1

Sterling Bancorp

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)

650 Fifth Avenue , New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 757-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

13-2565216 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10019-6108 (Zip Code)

NA

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 26, 2011, the Company announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011. The Company's press release announcing these results and containing certain other information is included as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated July 26, 2011. The press release is furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, except that the unaudited consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2011 and unaudited consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the press release shall be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 rather than furnished pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

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.

DATE: July 28, 2011

BY: <u>/s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN</u> JOHN W. TIETJEN Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit <u>Number</u>

99.1 Press Release dated July 26, 2011