Form 8-K August 05, 2011 UNITED STATES		
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) August 4, 2011		
Commission File Number: 1-5273-1		
Sterling Bancorp		
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)		
	13-2565216	
	(IRS Employer Identification No.)	
	10019-6108 (Zip Code)	
(212) 757-3300		
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	(IRS Employer Identification No.) 10019-6108	

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

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On August 4, 2011, the Company announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.09 per common share payable on September 30, 2011 to shareholders of record on September 15, 2011.

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: August 5, 2011

BY: /s/ JOHN W. TIETJEN

JOHN W. TIETJEN Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer