

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 20, 2009, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), the holding company of Berkshire Bank, issued a press release announcing the launch of the Company’s Community Investment Program on March 16, 2009. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

This information, including the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired.

Not Applicable.

- (b) Pro forma financial information.

Not Applicable.

- (c) Shell Company Transactions.

Not Applicable.

- (d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is attached as part of this report:
99.1 Press release of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. dated February 20, 2009.

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.

DATE: February 23, 2009

By: /s/ Kevin P. Riley

Kevin P. Riley,
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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