

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2012

**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 2, 2012**

**OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**001-11713**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**

**22-3412577**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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975 HOOPER AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY 08753

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)240-4500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 140.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On August 2, 2012, the Company and Vito R. Nardelli agreed that he will resign as President and Chief Operating Officer effective August 31, 2012. Upon Mr. Nardelli's resignation, John R. Garbarino, the Company's Chairman and CEO, will assume Mr. Nardelli's responsibilities as the principal operating officer of the Company on an interim basis. The Separation Agreement with Mr. Nardelli is attached as Exhibit 10.30 and the press release announcing Mr. Nardelli's resignation is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) EXHIBITS

10.30 Separation Agreement between Vito R. Nardelli and OceanFirst Financial Corp and OceanFirst Bank dated August 2, 2012

99.1 Press Release dated August 3, 2012

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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

/s/ Michael Fitzpatrick  
Michael Fitzpatrick  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 3, 2012