

Howard Bancorp Inc  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 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): **December 20, 2012**

**Howard Bancorp, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| <b>Maryland</b><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)                                             | <b>001-35489</b><br>(Commission File<br>Number) | <b>20-3735949</b><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| <b>6011 University Boulevard, Suite 370, Ellicott City, Maryland</b><br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) |                                                 | <b>21043</b><br>(ZIP Code)                                |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(410) 750-0020**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (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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**Section 8 – Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 20, 2012, Howard Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has been added to the ABA NASDAQ Community Bank Index. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2012

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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.

HOWARD BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Mary Ann Scully

Name: Mary Ann Scully

Date: December 20, 2012 Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman  
Of the Board