

PEOPLES BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

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**PEOPLES BANCORP INC.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**31-0987416**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**138 Putnam Street, P.O. Box 738, Marietta, Ohio 45750-0738**  
(Address of principal offices) (Zip Code)

**(740) 373-3155**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 May 11, 2006 the Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. issued a news release declaring a cash dividend. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- a) **Financial statements of businesses acquired**  
No response required.
- b) **Pro forma financial information**  
No response required.
- c) **Exhibits**

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99                        | News Release issued by Peoples Bancorp Inc. on May 11, 2006 |

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**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.

**PEOPLES BANCORP INC.**

Dated: May 11, 2006

By: /s/ Mark F. Bradley

President and Chief Executive Officer

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