
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 5, 2005

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-20293
(Commission File Number)

54-1598552
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

212 North Main Street
P.O. Box 446
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 633-5031

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

The following information and exhibit is being furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

On October 5, 2005, Union Bankshares Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of a semiannual dividend payable November 1, 2005 to stockholders of record as of October 20, 2005. The Company also announced its intent to pay any future dividends on a quarterly basis beginning on or about February 28, 2006. A copy of the company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) *Exhibits.*

99.1 UnionBankshares Corporation press release dated October 5, 2005

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Date: October 6, 2005

By: /s/ D. Anthony Peay

D. Anthony Peay
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer



October 5, 2005
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Traded: NASDAQ
Symbol: UBSH

**UNION BANKSHARES INCREASES CASH DIVIDEND; TO CHANGE PAYMENT
FREQUENCY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Bowling Green, Virginia) — The Board of Directors of Union Bankshares Corporation has declared a semi-annual dividend of \$.40 per share, a 14.3% increase from the semi-annual dividend paid November 1, 2004 and an 8.1% increase from the May 2, 2005 dividend. The dividend is payable on November 1, 2005 to shareholders of record as of October 20, 2005.

In addition, the Board announced that future dividends will be paid on a quarterly basis, replacing the current practice of paying dividends on a semiannual basis. It is currently anticipated that the shift to a quarterly dividend will begin on or about February 28, 2006.

Union Bankshares is one of the largest community banking organizations based in Virginia, providing full service banking to the Central, Rappahannock, Williamsburg and Northern Neck regions of Virginia through its bank subsidiaries, Union Bank & Trust (32 locations in the counties of Albemarle, Caroline, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Hanover, Henrico, King George, King William, Nelson, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and the Cities of Charlottesville and Fredericksburg), Northern Neck State Bank (9 locations in the counties of Richmond, Westmoreland, Essex, Northumberland and Lancaster), Rappahannock National Bank in Washington, Virginia and Bank of Williamsburg (3 locations in Williamsburg and Newport News). Union Bank & Trust also operates a loan production office in Manassas. In addition to banking services, Union Investment Services, Inc. provides full brokerage services and Mortgage Capital Investors, Inc. provides a full line of mortgage products. The Bank of Williamsburg also owns an interest in Johnson Mortgage Company, LLC.

This press release may contain “forward looking statements,” within the meaning of federal securities laws that involve risks and uncertainties. Statements herein are based on certain assumptions and analyses by the Company and are factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. However, the Company’s expectations are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ materially from those contemplated by any forward-looking statements herein. Consequently, all forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and the cautionary language in the Company’s most recent Form 10-K report and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Union Bankshares Corporation does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made.