
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): **February 21, 2019**

Merchants Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Indiana
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-38258
(Commission
File Number)

20-5747400
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11555 North Meridian Street, Suite 400
Carmel, Indiana 46032
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(317) 569-7420
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 21, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per share on the Company's outstanding shares of common stock. The dividend is payable April 1, 2019 to shareholders of record on March 15, 2019. The press release has been attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Also on February 21, 2019, the Company's Board of Directors declared that the Company's annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 21, 2019 issued by Merchants Bancorp

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.

MERCHANTS BANCORP

Date: February 21, 2019

By: /s/ John F. Macke

Name: John F. Macke

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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PRESS RELEASE

Merchants Bancorp Increases Quarterly Cash Dividend
For Release February 21, 2019

CARMEL, Indiana — Merchants Bancorp (“Merchants”) (Nasdaq: MBIN), parent company and registered bank holding company of Merchants Bank of Indiana (“Merchants Bank”), today announced that the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend for the first quarter of 2019 of \$0.07 per share on the Company’s outstanding shares of common stock, a 17% increase compared with the fourth quarter of 2018. The dividend is payable April 1, 2019, to shareholders of record on March 15, 2019.

ABOUT MERCHANTS BANCORP

Merchants Bancorp is a diversified bank holding company headquartered in Carmel, Indiana operating multiple lines of business, including Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”) multi-family housing and healthcare facility financing and servicing, mortgage warehouse financing, retail and correspondent residential mortgage banking, agricultural lending and traditional community banking. Merchants Bancorp, with \$3.9 billion in assets and \$3.2 billion in deposits as of December 31, 2018, conducts its business through its direct and indirect subsidiaries, Merchants Bank of Indiana, Merchants Capital Corporation, Farmers-Merchants Bank of Illinois, Merchants Capital Servicing LLC, and Merchants Mortgage, a division of Merchants Bank of Indiana. For more information and financial data, please visit Merchants’ Investor Relations page at investors.merchantsbankofindiana.com.
