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Kearny Financial Corp. Form 8-K July 19, 2006

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

JULY 17, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

0-51093 22-3803741 United States 0-51093 22-3803741 _____ (State or other jurisdiction (SEC Commission (IRS Employer Identification of incorporation) File No.) Number) 07004 120 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973)244-4500

Not Applicable

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

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On July 17, 2006, the Company's board of directors approved a stock repurchase plan for up to 5% of the currently outstanding common stock. The repurchases will occur from time to time as deemed prudent by management, and there is no expiration date for the plan.

A copy of the July 18, 2006 press release announcing the repurchase plan is furnished with this Form 8-K as an exhibit.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits:

99 Press Release dated July 18, 2006

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.

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: July 17, 2006 By:/s/ Craig Montanaro

Craig Montanaro Senior Vice President