

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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 9, 2003**

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**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-5127**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**52-0898572**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, Maryland 21203**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(410) 237-5900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

This is an optional filing made disclose the event reported below. It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

On December 9, 2003, the registrant issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release