BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC Form 8-K October 18, 2018

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): October 17, 2018

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-15781

04-3510455 (I.R.S. Employer (Commission File No.) Identification No.)

of Incorporation)

60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 01209 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 773-5601, ext. 133773

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

"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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 17, 2018, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. The news release containing the financial results is included as Exhibit 99.1 and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

The Company will conduct a conference call/webcast on October 18, 2018 to discuss the financial results for the quarter and provide guidance about expected future results. A telephone replay of the call will be available through October 25, 2018. The webcast will be available on the Company's website for an extended period of time.

Item 8.01

Other Events

On October 17, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors announced the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.22 per share of Company common stock and \$0.44 per share of Company Series B preferred stock to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 8, 2018 and payable on November 21, 2018.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b)Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

<u>99.1</u> <u>News Release dated October 17, 2018</u>

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.

Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.

DATE: October 18, 2018 By: /s/ Michael P. Daly Michael P. Daly President and Chief Executive Officer