| PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP<br>Form 8-K<br>April 26, 2012                     |
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| UNITED STATES  |
| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION   |
| WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549   |
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| FORM 8-K   |
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| CURRENT REPORT   |
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| Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the   |
| Securities Exchange Act of 1934  |
|  |
| April 24, 2012   |
| Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)                                   |
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| PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION  |
| (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)                             |
|  |
| New Jersey   |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)                                     |
|  |
| 001-16197 22-3537895<br>(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

500 Hills Drive, Suite 300

| Bedminster, New Jersey 07921-1538   |
|---|
| (Address of principal executive offices)  |
|   |
| (908) 234-0700  |
| (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  |
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 24, 2012, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation issued a press release reporting earnings and other financial results for its first quarter of 2012, which ended March 31, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

The Corporation's 2012 first quarter press release contains certain supplemental financial information, described in the Financial Data included in Exhibit 99, which has been determined by methods other than U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). Management internally reviews each of these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate performance on a comparative period to period basis. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide information useful to investors in understanding the Corporation's financial results, the impact of such non-GAAP financial measures on the Corporation's operating results and financial condition.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall be considered "furnished" but not "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Title

99.1 Press Release dated April 24, 2012.

The press release disclosed in this Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99.1 shall be considered "furnished" but not "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

#### **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.

## PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey J.</u> Dated: April 26, 2012

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Jeffrey J. Carfora

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer and

Chief Accounting Officer

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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