

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 26, 2004**

**AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**MARYLAND**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-12672**  
(Commission File Number)

**77-0404318**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2900 EISENHOWER AVENUE, SUITE 300, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(703) 329-6300**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)



Item 5. Other Events.

On or about March 26, 2004, AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (the Company ) mailed a letter to holders of record of its outstanding shares of common stock notifying them that the Company has resumed its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, *Pro Forma* Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Letter, dated March 26, 2004, from the Company to its stockholders.

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.

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.

Dated: March 29, 2004

By: s/ Thomas J. Sargeant  
Name: Thomas J. Sargeant  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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