

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2009

**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): April 15, 2009  
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

**1-8551**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-1851059**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**110 West Front Street  
P.O. Box 500  
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)  
**(732) 747-7800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
**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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

In July 2005, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the Company ) offered and sold 5,600,000 Depositary Shares representing interests in the Company s 7.625% Series A Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock ). The Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of the Preferred Stock requires that, in the event dividends on the Preferred Stock are not paid in an aggregate amount equal to at least six full quarterly dividend payments, the Company call a meeting of the holders of the Preferred Stock (and hence the Depositary Shares) for the purpose of nominating, by majority vote, two persons to serve, without compensation or reimbursement of expenses, as non-voting Advisory Directors to attend the portion of meetings of the Board of Directors discussing the agenda item relating to the Preferred Stock until such time as full dividends on the Preferred Stock have been paid for four consecutive quarterly dividend periods. The dividend payment date of April 15, 2009 was the sixth dividend payment date for which dividends have not been paid. Accordingly, the Company will call a meeting of the holders of the Preferred Stock for the purpose of nominating Advisory Directors as soon as practicable following the filing of materials for the meeting with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the completion of any necessary regulatory review.

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.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. Larry Sorsby  
Name: J. Larry Sorsby  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: April 29, 2009