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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): August 1, 2003

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-28304	33-0704889
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(File number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
3756 Central Avenue, Riverside, Ca	lifornia	
(Address of principal executive office	2)92506	
	(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including	area code: <u>(909) 686-6060</u>	
(Former nam	ne or former address if changed s	ince last report)

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Provident Financial Holdings, Inc. (the "Corporation") announced on August 1, 2003 that the Corporation's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share on the Corporation's outstanding shares of common stock. Shareholders of record at the close of business on August 20, 2003 will be entitled to receive the cash dividend. The cash dividend will be payable on September 12, 2003.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Corporation's press release dated August 1, 2003.

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.

Date: August 1, 2003 Provident Financial Holdings, Inc.

/s/ Craig G. Blunden

Craig G. Blunden Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Donavon P. Ternes

Donavon P. Ternes Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Exhibit 99.1

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Press Release Dated August 1, 2003

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NEWS RELEASE

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. DOUBLES THE QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

Riverside, California, August 1, 2003 - Provident Financial Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ/PROV) announced today that the Corporation's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share on the Corporation's outstanding shares of common stock. Shareholders of record at the close of business on August 20, 2003 will be entitled to receive the cash dividend. The cash dividend will be payable on September 12, 2003.

"We are very pleased that our current financial performance and the outlook for our future performance supports an increase to the cash dividend," commented Craig G. Blunden, chairman and chief executive officer. He went on to say, "Recently enacted tax laws reducing the income tax liability on cash dividends has resulted in this becoming a more favorable event for our shareholders."

Forward-looking Statement

Certain matters in this Press Release constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward looking statements relate to, among others, expectations of the business environment in which the Corporation operates, projections of future performance, perceived opportunities in the market, potential future credit experience, and statements regarding the Corporation's mission and vision. These forward looking statements are based upon current management expectations, and may, therefore, involve risks and uncertainties. The Corporation's actual results, performance, or achievements may differ materially from those suggested, expressed, or implied by forward looking statements due to a wide range of factors including, but not limited to, the general business environment, interest rates, the California real estate market, competitive conditions between banks and non-bank financial services providers, regulatory changes, and other risks detailed in the Corporation's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. Forward looking statements are effective only as of the

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date that they are made and Provident Financial Holdings, Inc. assumes no obligation to update this information.

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