
**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): November 27, 2009



THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-11917
(Commission
File Number)

34-0176110
(Employer Identification
Number)

1500 North Mantua Street
P.O. Box 5193
Kent, Ohio 44240

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(330) 673-9511
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Departure of a Director

On November 27, 2009, Robert A. Stefanko resigned from the Board of Directors of The Davey Tree Expert Company to devote more time to his other business and personal interests. In addition to his service on the Board of Directors, Mr. Stefanko was a member of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee. The Board of Directors, through its Corporate Governance Committee, has begun the process of identifying candidates to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Stefanko's term.

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.

THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

By: /s/ David E. Adante
David E. Adante
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Secretary

Date: December 2, 2009