

**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): December 4, 2002**

**THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Ohio</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>1-1927</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>34-0253240</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>44316-0001</b> (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 796-2121**

**Item 5. Other Events**

On December 4, 2002, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company issued a news release announcing the resignation of Philip A. Laskawy from its Board of Directors. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 7. Exhibits**

**Designation of  
Exhibits in this Report**

99.1

**Description of Exhibit**

News Release dated December 4, 2002.

**Signature**

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 GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER  
COMPANY

Date: December 6, 2002

By /s/ Robert W. Ticken

Robert W. Ticken  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer