UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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) January 19, 2012

REGENCY CENTERS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (Regency Centers Corporation)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-12298 (Commission File Number) 59-3191743

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Independent Drive, Suite 114 Jacksonville, Florida

(Address of principal executive offices)

32202 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (904) 598-7000

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:

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Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 19, 2012, Bruce M. Johnson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Regency Centers Corporation ("Regency") since 1993, announced that he will retire from the Company at the end of 2012. Lisa Palmer, the Company's Senior Vice President, will succeed Mr. Johnson upon his retirement.

The Company issued a press release on January 19, 2012, announcing the retirement of Mr. Johnson and Ms. Palmer's eventual succession, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued by Regency Centers Corporation on January 19, 2012.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

January 19, 2012

REGENCY CENTERS CORPORATION

<u>/s/ J. Christian Leavitt</u> J. Christian Leavitt, Senior Vice President and Treasurer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Regency Centers Corporation Press Release

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REGENCY CENTERS ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Jacksonville, Fla. (January 19, 2012) -- Regency Centers Corporation announced today changes in its executive management team.

Bruce Johnson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), has announced that he will retire at the end of 2012. Effective with his retirement at the end of the year, Lisa Palmer, Senior Vice President of Capital Markets, will succeed Bruce as Chief Financial Officer.

Bruce has been an important leader in our company for more than 30 years and has served as CFO since our initial public offering in 1993. He is an integral part of Regency's heritage and epitomizes the attributes that make our people so special. I am extremely grateful to Bruce for his leadership and steady hand, when combined with his experience, judgment, and financial acumen, have played an instrumental role in building Regency into the leading national shopping center company. While it is always difficult to eventually lose a talented partner and good friend, we are particularly fortunate to have an exceptional executive to succeed Bruce. Lisa is not only a gifted financial professional; she also knows the shopping center business and is ingrained with Regency's special culture. In her 15 years with Regency Lisa has amassed impressive skills from her key roles in capital markets, investor relations, and with our institutional partners. It was an easy and natural decision for me after learning of Bruce's decision to select Lisa as Regency's next CFO, said Martin Hap Stein, Jr., Regency Centers chairman and chief executive officer.

Ms. Palmer joined Regency in 1996 and has served as its Senior Vice President since 2003. She has led the capital markets and investor relations team for more than 10 years and has had primary responsibility for the co-investment partner program since its inception.

Regency Centers Corporation (NYSE: REG)

Regency is the leading national owner, operator, and developer of grocery-anchored and community shopping centers. At September 30, 2011, the Company owned 367 retail properties, including those held in co-investment partnerships. Including tenant-owned square footage, the portfolio encompassed 49.8 million square feet located in top markets throughout the United States. Since 2000 Regency has developed 205 shopping centers, including those currently in-process, representing an investment at completion of \$3.0 billion. Operating as a fully integrated real estate company, Regency is a qualified real estate investment trust that is self-administered and self-managed.

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Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. Please refer to the documents filed by Regency Centers Corporation with the SEC, specifically the most recent reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, which identify important risk factors which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.