# 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): <u>November 8, 2001</u>

#### M&T BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) New York

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9861

(Commission File Number)

One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 842-5445

(NOT APPLICABLE)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

14203

(Zip Code)

16-0968385 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Item 5. Other Events.

M&T Bank Corporation announced on November 8, 2001 that its Board of Directors had authorized M&T Bank Corporation to repurchase up to 5,000,000 shares of its common stock, and disclosed that a previously reported repurchase program authorized in June 2001 had been completed with the repurchase of an aggregate of 3,500,000 shares of common stock. The public announcement of the new stock repurchase program was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99 hereto.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed as a part of this report:

#### Exhibit No.

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News release. Filed herewith.

#### 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.

## M&T BANK CORPORATION

Date: November 13, 2001

By: /s/ Michael P. Pinto

Michael P. Pinto Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Contact: Michael S. Piemonte (716) 842-5138 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 8, 2001

BUFFALO, NEW YORK —M&T Bank Corporation ("M&T") (NYSE:MTB) announced that it has been authorized by its Board of Directors to purchase and hold as treasury stock up to 5,000,000 additional shares of its common stock. This represents 5.3% of common shares currently outstanding. Under this authorization, shares of common stock may be purchased from time-to-time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. M&T also announced that it has completed the repurchase of 3,500,000 shares authorized earlier this year.

M&T is a \$31 billion bank holding company whose subsidiaries, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company and M&T Bank, National Association, operate branch offices in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.