

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2006

**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): **April 15, 2006**

**HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-8551**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-1851059**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10 Highway 35, P.O. Box 500**  
**Red Bank, New Jersey 07701**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(732) 747-7800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On April 18, 2006, Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release regarding the passing of Geaton A. DeCesaris, Jr., a member of the Company s Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release Dated April 18, 2006.

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.

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By:	/s/	Paul W. Buchanan
	Name:	Paul W. Buchanan
	Title:	Senior Vice President Corporate Controller

Date: April 18, 2006

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release Dated April 18, 2006.