

RETAIL VENTURES INC

Form 8-K

March 14, 2005

**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) March 14, 2005

**Retail Ventures, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|                                                                                   |                          |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ohio                                                                              | 1-10767                  | 20-0090238                        |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)                                    | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 3241 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio<br>(Address of principal executive offices) |                          | 43224<br>(Zip Code)               |

(614) 471-4722

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

On March 14, 2005, Retail Ventures, Inc. (the Company ) announced that DSW Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, will pursue an initial public offering. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description                        |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press Release dated March 14, 2005 |

**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.

**Retail Ventures, Inc.**

By: /s/ James A. McGrady

James A. McGrady  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Secretary

Date: March 14, 2005