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### 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) September 16, 2008

# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-11277 (Commission File Number) 22-2477875 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

**Identification Number**)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey

07470

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Valley National Bancorp (the Company ) is furnishing presentation materials included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K. The presentation materials were prepared to be included in presentation by Gerald H. Lipkin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, at the RBC Capital Markets Financial Institutions Conference on September 17, 2008. The Company is not undertaking to update this presentation. The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information herein (including Exhibit 99.1).

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- d. Exhibits.
- 99.1 Investor Presentation Materials

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#### **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.

Dated: September 16, 2008 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Mitchell L. Crandell
Mitchell L. Crandell
Senior Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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