VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP Form 8-K April 06, 2007

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 5, 2007

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 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470 (Zip Code)

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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):

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- " 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

Attached and being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of Valley National Bancorp (Valley) dated April 5, 2007 announcing that it expects to release its 2007 first quarter earnings after the market closes on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 and announcing that Valley s earnings for the first quarter of 2007 are expected to exceed analyst estimates. Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference under this Item 7.01.

Pursuant to general instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information under Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- d. Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release of Valley National Bancorp, dated April 5, 2007.

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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: April 6, 2007 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow Alan D. Eskow

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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