

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2008

# 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) October 23, 2008

# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-11277  
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875  
(I.R.S. Employer

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):

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

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 23, 2008, Valley National Bancorp ( Valley or the Company ) issued a press release reporting 2008 third quarter results of operations.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

The information disclosed in this Item 2.02 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Valley's 2008 third quarter press release contains certain supplemental financial information, described in the Notes to Selected Financial Data included in Exhibit 99, which has been determined by methods other than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ). Management internally reviews each of these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate performance on a comparative period to period basis. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide information useful to investors in understanding Valley's financial results, the impact of such non-GAAP financial measures on Valley's operating results and financial condition.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

99 Press Release dated October 23, 2008

The Press Release disclosed in this Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**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: October 23, 2008

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)