

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
December 16, 2011

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): **December 16, 2011**

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
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(973) 305-8800

07470
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 16, 2011, Valley National Bancorp (the Company) announced that it will deliver a notice of redemption effective January 17, 2012 of principal face amount of \$10,000,000 of the 7 3/4% Trust Preferred Securities (the Trust Preferred Securities) issued by VNB Capital Trust I, the Company s subsidiary trust.

A copy of the press release announcing the redemption of the Trust Preferred Securities is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
Exhibit**

99.1 Press Release, dated December 16, 2011.

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: December 16, 2011

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow
Alan D. Eskow
Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Title
99.1	Press Release, dated December 16, 2011.