

CROCITTO PETER P
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CROCITTO PETER P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
 [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/07/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Senior EVP & COO, Director

WAYNE, NJ 07470-
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/07/2012		A	V	31,656 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0 216,441	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2012		G	V	930	D	\$ 0 933	I	Daughter
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/07/2012		G	V	930	A	\$ 0 217,371	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2012		G	V	933	D	\$ 0 0	I	Daughter
Common Stock	02/07/2012		G	V	933	A	\$ 0 39,050	I	Wife

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Common Stock	6,797	I	Custodian/child
Common Stock (401k Plan)	3,717	D ⁽³⁾	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option/NQ	\$ 12.5					11/15/2011 11/15/2020	Common Stock	20,162
Stock Options	\$ 16.97					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	18,617
Stock Options	\$ 19.8					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	17,729
Stock Options	\$ 19.88					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	16,887
Stock Options	\$ 18.42					11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	19,430
Stock Options	\$ 20.14					11/13/2007 11/13/2016	Common Stock	21,059
Stock Options	\$ 15.38					02/12/2009 02/12/2018	Common Stock	20,057

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROCITTO PETER P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X		Senior EVP & COO, Director	

Signatures

/s/ PETER
CROCITTO 02/08/2012

 Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Valley National Bancorp declared a 5% stock dividend on April 13, 2011, to shareholders of record on May 6, 2011, payable May 20, 2011.
- (2) Restricted shares granted under the Valley National Bancorp 2009 Long Term Incentive Stock Plan, with three-year equal vesting, beginning at grant date.
- (3) Holdings under the Valley 401K Plan has been updated to reflect reporting person's balance in the Plan.

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