VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
March 14, 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) March 14, 2007**

# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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| **New Jersey** | **1-11277** | **22-2477875** |
| **(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)** | **(Commission File Number)** | **(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)** |

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|---|---|
| **1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey** | **07470** |
| **(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**

Attached and being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of Valley National Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Valley National Bancorp dated March 14, 2007 announcing that Moody s Investors Service has raised its ratings of Valley National Bank. 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 Bank, dated March 14, 2007.

**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: March 14, 2007

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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