

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2007

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 11, 2007**

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**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800**

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On December 11, 2007, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Valley National Bancorp (the Company) appointed Marc J. Lenner and Suresh L. Sani, as directors of the Company. It is anticipated Mr. Lenner and Mr. Sani will stand for election for a full term at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Annual Meeting) in April 2008. Prior to the Annual Meeting, Mr. Lenner and Mr. Sani are not expected to be appointed to any Board committees. No decision has been made regarding which Board committees to which they may be appointed. An amendment to this filing will be filed when that determination is made.

Mr. Lenner's professional and financial experience includes managing and operating real estate properties located in New York, New Jersey and six other states, and employment in a certified public accounting firm. He received a Business Administration and Accounting degrees from Muhlenberg College.

Mr. Sani's professional and financial experience includes various areas of commercial real estate management, acquisition, financing, developing and leasing. He is a graduate of Harvard College and New York University School of Law and is currently a member of the New York Bar.

**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 14, 2007

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

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