

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2006

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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) July 18, 2006

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## 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)

07470  
(Zip Code)

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

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

**Appointment of Principal Officers**

(b) On July 18, 2006 Valley National Bancorp (the Company ) was notified by the Company s principal accounting officer, Edward J. Lipkus, that he will cease serving in such capacity effective August 1, 2006.

**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: July 21, 2006

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

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