

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2009

# 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) August 19, 2009

# 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

07470

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(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):

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- .. 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 8.01 Other Events**

On August 19, 2009, Valley National Bancorp issued a press release reporting a common stock cash dividend payable October 1, 2009 to shareholders of record on September 4, 2009.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

**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: August 19, 2009

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Mitchell L. Crandell  
Mitchell L. Crandell  
Senior Vice President and Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)