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October 24, 2014

UNITED STATES

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): October 21, 2014

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

(973) 305-8800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

- Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
- 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.
- (b) On October 21, 2014, Walter H. Jones, III, a member of the Board of Directors ("Board") of Valley National Bancorp (the "Company") notified the Company that he will not stand for re-election to the Board at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders and will retire at the conclusion of his term. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended to the Board to reduce the size of the Board at the time of Mr. Jones' retirement. Mr. Jones stated that he is retiring for personal reasons and not as a result of any disagreement with the Company.

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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: October 24, 2014 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

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