## **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

August 30, 2006

**Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)** 

# ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

1-9761 (Commission File Number) 36-2151613 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification Number)** 

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141, (630) 773-3800

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, or registrant s principal executive offices)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 30, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the death of Robert E. Gallagher, the Chairman of its Board of Directors. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### **Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press Release, dated August 30, 2006, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

#### **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.

Date: August 30, 2006

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

/s/ Douglas K. Howell Douglas K. Howell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer and duly authorized officer)

### Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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