

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)**

**Information Required In Proxy Statement**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_)**

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**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 15, 2018.

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.



ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.  
2850 GOLF ROAD  
ROLLING MEADOWS, IL 60008

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting

**For holders as of:** March 20, 2018

**Date:** May 15, 2018    **Time:** 9:00 AM CDT

**Location:** Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

2850 Golf Road

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Directions: please contact Corporate Secretary, c/o Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., 2850 Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet or by mail if you so request. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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— Before You Vote —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. 2018 Notice and Proxy Statement                      2. 2017 Annual Report

**How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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— How To Vote —  
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** At the entrance to the meeting, you will be requested to show a driver's license, passport or other form of government-issued identification. Please check the proxy materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote.

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<b>Voting Items</b>
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**Company Proposals:**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Election of Directors
  - 1a. Sherry S. Barrat
  - 1b. William L. Bax
  - 1c. D. John Coldman
  - 1d. Frank E. English, Jr.
  - 1e. J. Patrick Gallagher, Jr.
  - 1f. Elbert O. Hand
  - 1g. David S. Johnson
  - 1h. Kay W. McCurdy
  - 1i. Ralph J. Nicoletti
  - 1j. Norman L. Rosenthal

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.**

2. Ratification of the Appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our Independent Auditor for 2018.
3. Approval, on an Advisory Basis, of the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

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