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## Tusten

# Tony Ritter

Town Councilman

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**I** gave it my best shot,” Tony Ritter, the Pride of Sullivan winner from the Town of Tusten said. “I was surprised [to win the award].”

Well, his “best shot” includes community volunteer, running his own guide service for the last 18 years and now serving his friends and neighbors as an elected councilman for the Town of Tusten.

Tony and his wife, Linda Slocum, have been residents of the Town for 25 years. They first enjoyed Narrowsburg on weekends and then moved up full-time in 1991.

“I started my guide business, Gone Fishing Guide Service, in 1994,” Tony remembered. “I did a lot of trade shows, it is a real people business. Now I have a lot of repeat business, which is nice. You start meeting people with their kids.

“If you stay in business long enough, new customers become old friends and like family,” he said. “Why do I do it? I like to introduce people to the region and become more accomplished anglers. I also like to make memories, a day they will remember forever.”

Tony credits George Burkle with initiating him into public service.

“He wanted me to serve on the Zoning Board,” he said.

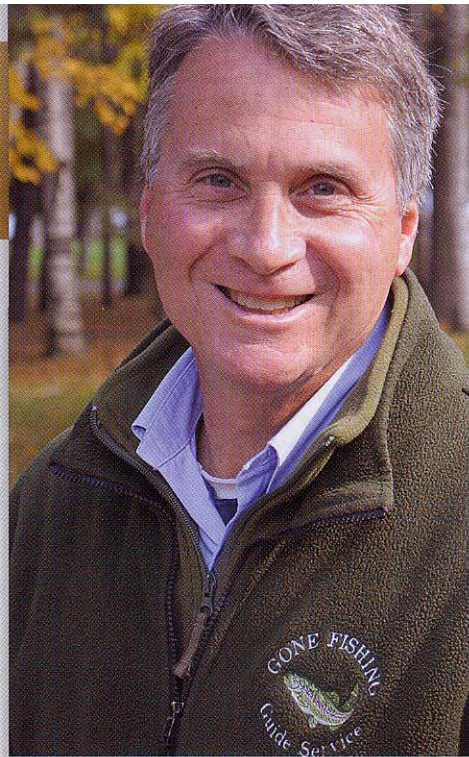
Tony replaced Burkle as chair of the Tusten Zoning Board, a post Tony would hold for the

It's with great "pride" that we congratulate our friend and co-worker from the Town of Tusten, **Tony Ritter**, as a most deserving honoree for a Sullivan County Pride Award. This is a perfect time to offer our sincere thanks to Tony for all his many years of dedicated service to his community.

**Tony, you're the best!**

Your Friends & Co-workers

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Tony Ritter truly enjoys being on the Delaware River, enjoying the beautiful outdoors of Catskill-Delaware country.

next 16 years.

Dick Grandall, a former supervisor in Tusten, then asked Tony to run for office.

He agreed again – and now is serving his first four-year term as councilman.

“One of the things I ran on was the three Cs – communication, civility and cooperation,” he said. “In a small town we have to cooperate and be civil. And we certainly have to participate.

“We are trying to make it a better place,” he said.

A real estate broker since 1992, Tony recently signed up with Matthew J. Freda Real Estate in Callicoon.

“I have many customers from the Metro area and after you are with them for 4 to 8 hours [in a boat], you have a lot of conversations,” Tony said. “I get a pretty good feel for what they like.

“Linda and I have been fortunate to be here for the last 25 years,” he said.

And the area is richer for it, too.



PRIDE OF SULLIVAN AWARD

Presented To  
ANTHONY B. RITTER  
GONE FISHING GUIDE SERVICE  
TOWN OF TUSTEN

In Recognition And Gratitude For  
Your Efforts Toward The Betterment  
Of Your Town And The Entire  
Sullivan County Community

May 6, 2012



## 2012 Sullivan Pride Award for the Town of Tusten

*Left to Right:*

*Terri Ward; President/CEO Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce,*

*Tony Ritter,*

*Cathy Paty; V.P.; Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce*



*Certificate of Special  
Congressional Recognition*

*Presented to*  
**Anthony B. Ritter**

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*in recognition of outstanding and invaluable  
service to the community.*

*May 6, 2012*

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DATE

*Maurice Huched*  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC

*Certificate of Merit*

*presented to*


**ANTHONY B. RITTER**

*2012 Township Award - Tusten*

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pride of Sullivan County Awards  
**Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Date



Senator John J. Bonacic  
New York State Senate  
42nd Senate District



New York State Assembly  
Certificate of Merit

*The Assembly of the State of New York, in recognition of the achievement of*

**Anthony B. Ritter**  
*Gone Fishing Guide Service*  
*21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pride Award Honoree*  
*Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce*

*hereby presents this Certificate of Merit.*

*May 6, 2012*

*Aileen M. Gunther*

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*Member of Assembly*

# Sullivan County Legislature Certificate of Special Recognition

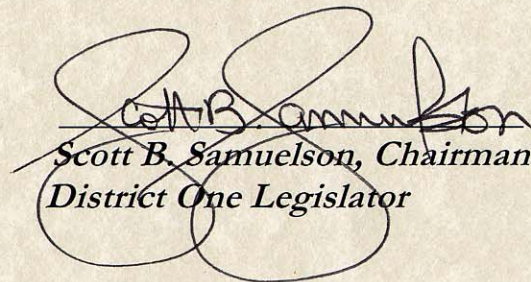
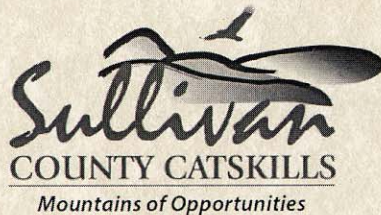
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## Gone Fishing Guide Service

*2012 Township Award*

*With appreciation for your contribution to the  
Town of Tusten  
and the County of Sullivan.*

*Dated: May 6, 2012*



*Scott B. Samuelson, Chairman  
District One Legislator*