Politicians to pets set to pack home show

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Whether you're looking for a real estate agent to help you buy a new home or renovate the one you are in, the re-booted Stouffville Home and Lifestyle Show will get you on your way.

The show, which runs Friday afternoon to Sunday at the Stouffville Arena on Ninth Line, features almost 100 vendors, most of which are based out of Whitchurch-Stouffville, according to Rick Upton, one of the show's co-ordinators.

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The out of town businesses, such as Home Depot, will be at the show only because there is no local representation in their field, he said.

The event is sold out, according to Mr. Upton, who started approaching businesses in February.

"Once word got out, they started to come to us," he said.

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nesses and residents together in a casual atmosphere without the pressure of a sale, according to Mr. Upton.

"I'm sure everyone will find it worthwhile," he said.

Along with roofers, renovators, health care providers, pool companies, car dealerships and landscapers, Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville mayoral candidate Phil Bannon will each have a booth.

The Sun-Tribune, which has a booth in the show, is the event's media sponsor.

A lot of other activities will take place throughout the weekend.

Each day, the first 50 people will get in free and there will be hourly draw prizes, totalling thousands of dollars, according to Mr. Upton.

Throughout the entire show, kids can make their own birdhouses, visit the petting zoo, take part in the Boston Pizza colouring contest, the Lions' championship putting contest as well as listen to musicians, who will walk around offering entertainment.

There will be clown face painting Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, a ReMax hot air balloon will take people up. It will be located in the soccer field beside the arena.

The Scruffy Muttz dog fashion show starts Sunday at 1 p.m. Bring your dog and it can be part of the show, according to Mr. Upton.

Show admission is \$5 for adults, seniors

and children 12 and under are free. All activities are free.

Two-for-one admission coupons can be found in The Sun-Tribune and at https:// www.facebook.com/pages/Stouffville-Home-Lifestyle-Show/258520637663645

The show runs Friday (4 to 9 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Mr. Upton has already booked the arena for next year's show, which will run May 1 to 3.

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