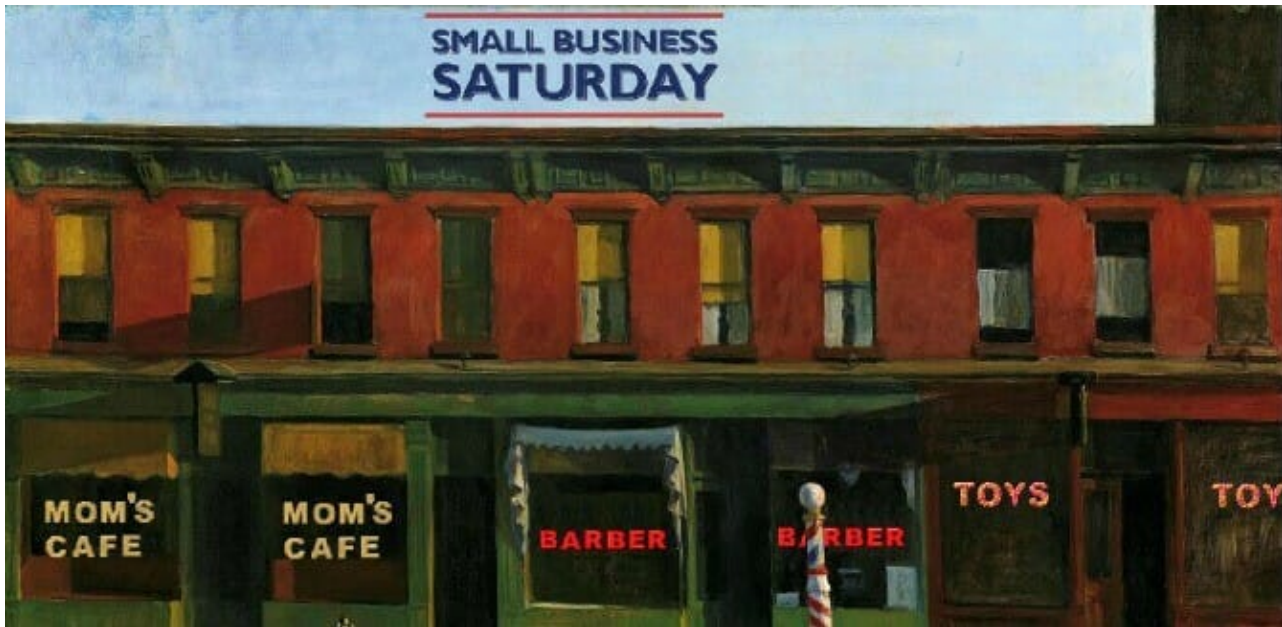


Small Business Support Squad Giving Back To Local Small Businesses



WUSF Radio (November 2016) - Some small businesses throughout the Tampa Bay area will be getting surprise visits this week, as part of the inaugural "Small Business Support Squad".

The "Small Business Support Squad" was created by Our Town America, a national marketing firm that targets new residents and businesses, to thank small businesses.

Melissa Nelson helped create the support squad, and says they will be going to small businesses before **Small Business Saturday**, on November 26th. That's where people are encouraged to patronize small businesses on Thanksgiving weekend. They'll be surprising local business owners with gifts, such as wine and massage certificates.

"They work so hard that it's just gonna be fun to give them something that's gonna help them relax when this really busy season winds down for them," Nelson said.

Nelson says they plan on making the "Small Business Support Squad" an annual thing, and hope to include even more businesses next year.

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St.Petersburg, FL area businesses looking to team up with Our Town America of Greater St. Petersburg can contact Melissa Nelson & Steve Schroeder at 727-490-8155 or complete an online **Contact Form**.

Small businesses in any U.S. market can reach out to Our Town America's corporate team to get in touch with their local representative. Call by phone at 800-497-8360 or complete a **Contact Form**.

Listen to clip of Melissa Nelson on WUSF Radio below.