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Sonic Runway Extended to March 8

Sonic Runway, the interactive sound and light art work transported from Burning Man to City Hall Plaza, has been held over for a longer run, thanks to an outpouring of public support.

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San Jose public life gets boost from Knight Foundation



San José will benefit from a recently announced grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, providing \$249,600 to help the City learn best practices for making public spaces into active hubs that connect the community and improve civic life. The grant was made to Gehl Studio, Inc. - international experts in civic engagement - for a six-month project that will involve most of the City's departments.

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DIGITAL CITY RANKINGS

San Jose Ranked #1 "Digitized City" in U.S.



A Brookings Institution study on digitization of jobs in the U.S. ranked the San Jose Metro Area as #1. The report notes the up- and downsides of digitalization, which is transforming the world of work. Workers, firms, industries, as well as entire regional labor markets are all being dramatically affected.

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ARTS ENTRENEURSHIP

Creative Industries grants process opens





The City of San José Office of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI), is pleased to announce that the guidelines for the 6th round of the Creative Industries Incentive Fund (CIIF) are now available.. CIIF provides project support to arts-based commercial businesses involved in the

production or distribution of the arts.

Incentive awards between \$2,000 - \$8,000 are for creative industries of all types, such as manufacturers, service providers, presenters, and designers, among others.

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NEW BUSINESSES IN SAN JOSE

Kika Tech brings more than emojis to Downtown SJ



Fresh from winning four coveted awards at CES, Kika Tech celebrated the opening of its US headquarters with a ribbon-cutting presided over by Mayor Sam Liccardo and D3 City Councilmember Raul Peralez.

Kika Tech has its roots in developing emoji keyboards for social media, but is incorporating artificial intelligence, deep learning and voice recognition into an expanding range of consumer products.

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Sophie's Grill opens in Evergreen



Welcoming the new business to her District, City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas cut the ribbon at Sophie's Grill. (more copy and image of event to come)

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For more information, contact <u>Lauren Urhausen</u>, Senior Council Assistant, District 8.

<u>Please visit February's full event calendar</u>. Don't miss out on these featured events.

The BeerWalk 2.10.18

San Jose Home Show 2.10 and 2.11.18

> Ebi World Tour 2.17.18

Alabama Story through 2.18.18

The Flying Dutchman
Through 2.25.18

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