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The Duluth American Indian Commission will host a "Community Feast and Forum" on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 5 PM. The event will be held in the gym at the Washington Center, 310 North First Ave West.

The free feast will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will include guest speakers, drum group, dinner and a chance to meet one on one with the commissioners. In announcing the "Community Feast and Forum" Commission Co-Chairs Donna Ennis and Ricky DeFoe, said that "The Commission wants to hear directly from Duluth's American Indian residents about what they see as the real issues that are most challenging to their community."

This evening is part of the Duluth American Indian Commission's ongoing efforts to reach out to the community. Part of the Commission's mission is to develop recommendations to the City Council and City Administration to ensure that the American Indian community's concerns are considered in the City's decision and policy making process.

The Duluth American Indian Commission was established by the City of Duluth by an ordinance passed in 2003. The 11 representatives on the Duluth American Indian Commission are appointed by the Mayor and include cultural and spiritual leaders, activists and other American Indian community advocates.

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