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#### *Great Trees, Great Prices, and Great for Bernalillo....*

**Bernalillo, NM – June 16, 2008** -- The Town of Bernalillo Parks Department will host the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Keep Bernalillo Beautiful Cottonwood Tree sale in conjunction with the town's Fireworks Showcase beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at Bernalillo High School. Tree sales will end at dusk when the firework celebration begins.

The Town of Bernalillo Parks Department will provide residents with a selection of native Rio Grande cottonwoods, sold in one, two, five and fifteen-gallon containers for easily handling and planting. The trees will be sold below retail market price to encourage residential planting in Bernalillo. Trees will be available a variety of sizes and prices:

- \$5.50 for a tree in a 1 gallon container
- \$8.50 for a tree in a 2 gallon container
- \$17.00 for a tree in a 5 gallon container
- \$40.00 for a tree in a 15 gallon container

The Rio Grande cottonwood is indigenous to the Rio Grande Valley. This tree species is common to our area and are considered moderately drought tolerant once established, as the root system is fast growing, grows easily near water, and in places where it can get its roots wet. The cottonwood can provide a vast amount of shade very quickly. The cottonwood is particularly adapted to the lower valleys, from 4000 to 7000 feet in elevation, especially along the Rio Grande in New Mexico and Colorado.

Bernalillo Mayor Patricia A. Chávez and the Parks Department are promoting the preservation of Bernalillo's tree canopy and encourage residents to obtain and plant these trees their private property throughout the community. Mayor Chávez invites all residents to the Town's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Keep Bernalillo Beautiful Cottonwood Tree sale and plan to stay for a safe, community, fun-filled family event to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the Bernalillo High School football fields.