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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the time of writing this article, we are preparing for our Annual General Meeting. The date will be December 3. Traditionally, we meet in November, however we need to adjust so that we can provide you with the reporting that you need prior to both motions the

community needs to consider and the election of our directors. We could not hold two meetings this fall and that has impacted when we could hold the AGM.

The primary reason for missing those meetings was due to lack of quorum. As I mentioned in our last issue, there is a substantial movement of retiring board members. Here are some of the board positions that are open: Vice-President; Secretary; Technical Support Director; Social Director; Communications and Membership Director; and Volunteer Director to name a few. We do have a Nominations Committee in place to help place volunteers in these key roles.

In addition to specific assignments the board has a minimum threshold of directors. The Directors at Large help us maintain that requirement. Reach out to me at either email at the bottom of this article and I will forward your interest to the Nominations Committee.

With the current circumstances, we will not be able to hold much of what we had planned for our fall social programming. If that changes, we will let you know via our website.

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by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles when their lights and sirens are activated. You can help all first responders navigate roads quickly and safely by following these basic rules.

### When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

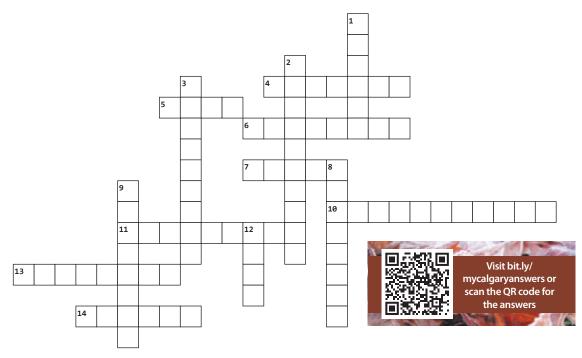
- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection; be prepared to pull over.
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- On one-way streets move to the nearest curb, either the right or left.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.

• Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., in order to safely pass other traffic.

#### When operating a vehicle:

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights activated (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.). This law applies to the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it is recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the road and the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points.
- Do not drive within 150 meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150 m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.

### **November Crossword**



#### **Across**

- 4. In November 1896, the hydroelectric powerplant at \_\_\_\_\_\_Falls started operating.
- 5. "Novem" is the Latin word for what number?
- 6. The sci-fi novel, \_\_\_\_\_\_ *Park*, by Michael Crichton was published in November 1990.
- 7. World \_\_\_\_\_\_ Day is celebrated annually on November 1 and raises awareness about the ethical, environmental, and health issues related to animal consumption.
- On November 4, 1922, Howard Carter discovered the first steps to the tomb of this ancient Egyptian Pharoah.
- 11. This fast-food chain served its 50 billionth hamburger on November 20, 1984.
- 13. On November 30, 1982, Michael Jackson released his hit album "."
- 14. On November 27, 2013, this winter wonderland Disney animation was released.

#### Down

- This Britney received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at the age of 21 on November 17, 2003.
- Jacques Plante became the first NHL goalie to wear a protective face mask on November 1, 1959.
- Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee Gordon
   \_\_\_\_\_ was born on November 17, 1938, in Orillia,
   Ontario.
- 8. Stars of the romantic film *The* \_\_\_\_\_\_, Canadians Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling both celebrate their birthdays in November.
- On November 15, 2020, Lewis \_\_\_\_\_ won his record-equalling seventh F1 World Drivers' Championship at the Turkish Grand Prix.
- 12. One of the most complete early human ancestor skeletons (Australopithecus afarensis), nicknamed \_\_\_\_\_, was discovered in Ethiopia on November 24, 1974.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT**

### **Raising Non-Anxious Kids**

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

Modern parenting has become highly involved. Many of us may hover, protect, and step in quickly to solve problems for our kids. While this comes from love, too much intervention can make it harder for children to build resilience, confidence, and coping skills. Add in the constant pull of screens and social media, and many kids grow up struggling with boredom, frustration, and independence.

#### A New Approach: Obstacle Parenting

Instead of removing every challenge, obstacle parenting gives kids space to face small struggles and learn from them. It's about doing less, not more, and trusting that kids can figure things out.

#### 1. Resilience Comes Through Struggle

- Shielding kids from every difficulty robs them of practice in handling life's challenges.
- Small frustrations (like a tricky puzzle or waiting a few minutes for help) build patience and problem-solving skills.

#### 2. Boredom Isn't Bad

- Constant stimulation from screens can dull curiosity.
- Letting kids experience boredom creates space for imagination, creativity, and self-discovery.

#### 3. Screens and Social Media

- Technology isn't going away, but heavy use can lead to loneliness and anxiety.
- Balance matters: limiting screen time, teaching mindful use, and modelling healthy habits are key.

#### 4. Parents Need Restraint Too

- Kids notice when adults are glued to their phones.
- Modelling presence—reading, drawing, or simply sitting quietly—teaches kids that life doesn't have to be constantly filled with screens.

#### **Practical Tips for Parents**

- Pause Before Helping: If your child asks for help, wait a few minutes. Encourage them to try first.
- Make Things Just a Bit Harder: Give challenges that require effort—like board games, chores, or puzzles.
- Encourage Real-World Play: Let kids play outside, climb, build, and explore with peers—even if it's messy or imperfect.



- Embrace Boredom: Remind kids (and yourself): "It's okay to be bored." Often, creativity follows.
- Create Screen-Free Zones: Mealtimes, bedtime routines, and family outings can be tech-free moments.
- Model Healthy Habits: Put your own phone down. Show your kids how to be present, curious, and engaged in the real world.
- Build Community: Rely on neighbours, friends, and extended family. Kids need more than just parents they thrive with a wider circle of support.

Obstacle parenting isn't about making life hard for children. It's about giving them space to:

- Build confidence.
- Develop focus and endurance.
- Learn how to handle frustration.
- · Discover creativity in boredom.
- Grow into resilient, less anxious adults.

Sometimes, the best gift we can give our kids is to step back, let them struggle a little, and trust that they can rise to the challenge.

# Stuffed Red and Yellow Bell Peppers

by Jennifer Puri

Red bell peppers belong to the capsicum family. All bell peppers start out green and progress through the yellow and orange stages before reaching their most flavourful red stage.

Red bell peppers are considered the healthiest because they contain high levels of vitamins like C and A, and antioxidants. All bell peppers offer nutritional benefits but the red, yellow, and orange are the most flavourful.

Bell peppers can be used in every aspect of cooking, but the hollow insides of the peppers make them ideal for stuffing with ground meats, cheeses, and grains as shown in the stuffed red and yellow bell peppers recipe below.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Bake Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4 Ingredients:

• 4 red and yellow bell peppers

• 1 lb. lean ground beef

• 2 tbsp. olive or canola oil

• 1 tsp. minced garlic

•  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped yellow onion

• 1 tsp. minced ginger

• 2 bay leaves

• 1 cinnamon stick

¼ tsp. ground cloves

• ½ tsp. salt

• 1/2 tsp. black pepper

• 2 cups cooked long grain rice

 $\bullet \ 2 \ cups \ shredded \ mozzarella \ or \ cheddar \ cheese \\$ 

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2. Wash and dry the bell peppers, then slice in half and remove the pith and seeds.
- 3. Brush the bell peppers with a little oil and sprinkle some salt and black pepper. Place the peppers cut side up on a baking tray and roast in the oven for about 10 minutes.





- 3. While the peppers are baking, prepare the filling by heating the remaining oil in a skillet. Then add onions and sauté for a few minutes until softened.
- 4. Next add the garlic, ginger, bay leaves, cloves, cinnamon stick, and the ground beef. Sauté the mixture until the beef turns brown then add a cup of water, cover and cook for about 12 to 15 minutes or until the beef is cooked and the liquid dries up.
- Remove from heat and discard the bay leaves and cinnamon stick before adding the cooked rice and half the cheese.
- 6. Arrange roasted bell pepper halves in a baking dish and spoon the beef and rice mixture into them. Bake on middle rack of oven for about 20 minutes then sprinkle remaining cheese and bake peppers uncovered for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- Serve with mashed potatoes, garlic bread, or cornbread if desired.

Bon Appétit!



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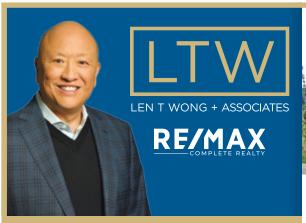
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