The first week after the fire we stayed two nights each in three hotels, then were gifted two weeks of free use of a condominium owned by a friend of a friend.

Next week we start a month at another hotel, then begin a one year rental of a furnished house (nearby). Along the way we've acquired a laser jet printer and two laptops plus lots of donated clothes.

We go to CVS and Staples frequently replacing all sorts of items that were within a few steps at our former home. And, we deal with the insurance carrier which has been good to us and the City of Los Angeles which still won't let us in to see the wreckage.

A zoom meeting of the Pacific Palisades Community Council last (Friday) night maxed out at 1,000 participants. We learned that the EPA will be detoxifying each property and then the Army Corps of Engineers will scrape the lots within the ash field only.

Whether we try to rebuild is up in the air.

Some of these latter two could take up to 18 months. It's not easy,

Most people think that PP is populated by nothing but rich people, but that's not the case. There are many of us who are not wealthy but were fortunate enough to live there.