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I was walking my dog today at Kelly island and saw black smoke coming from a fire near my house. When I approached my house there was a large fire coming from the illegal camp pushing toxic smoke into the whole area. This is happening more frequently and are larger fires, this has got to be the 4th fire in a month! Cars,trucks,trailers,campers all un-loading tons of stuff to build their illegal structures down at the river. Its worse than I've ever seen, they've dug irrigation ditches to bring water directly to the tents, causing even more human filth to fill the side streams. Its a serious health problem for my family and the whole neighborhood. Has it contaminated our water wells? I'm having mine tested Monday and will let you know. What happened to making this illegal campsite a priority? Could you please let me know if you have any advice for me going forward. My quaulity of life and Health of my family is important. Its seems like the city turns a blind eye to the filth and unsanitary conditions my neighborhood has to watch grow bigger and burn everyday =24/7-365days a year. Thanks for representing our great city and please let me know if you have any time for the council to hear from a few neighbors and myself? These fires close traffic to the bridge as well, plus all the wasted taxes having to keep putting them out. B. Boatwright on N.Davis. "Ward 6 home of the largest homeless camp in Montana"!