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School District
of Elmbrook
victim of
cyber attacks

Limited Elmbrook
student records and
employee data posted
to dark web, district said

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BROOKFIELD — The School District of Elmbrook was hit with a cyber attack with data including student records being posted to the dark web, according to a letter from Mark Hansen, superintendent.

On Aug. 23, the district detected “unauthorized access to a limited portion of the district’s network.”

The district worked to secure the network and investigated the attack.

The organization responsible was highlighted on Monday in a ransomware warning to K-12 school districts by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was associated with a recent cyber attack on the Los Angeles Public Schools.

“During this investigation, we have learned that a limited amount of Elmbrook data was posted on the dark web. While typically this criminal activity is used to extort money from the victim organization, in our case no such ransom was requested and the District never engaged with this external threat actor,” the letter said.

The posted data was primarily the personal information of employees of the district.

“While we have no evidence that any staff information has been misused, we have initiated several actions to protect staff from the potential misuse of your information. This includes offering impacted staff a complimentary, one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks Credit Monitoring along with a hotline number for support questions related to this data exfiltration,” the letter said.

A limited amount of student education records were also posted to the dark web. The data did not include Social Security numbers and at no time was access to the district’s Infinite Campus Student Information System compromised. The district is working to directly notify a small number of current and former students and their families in accordance with state and/or federal law.

Staff and students changed passwords.

“Our entire leadership team takes this matter very seriously and we will continue to work with local and national resources, as well as appropriate federal agencies, to take significant measures to protect the information entrusted to us,” the letter said.



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3 firefighters hurt in Brookfield house fire

BROOKFIELD — Three firefighters sustained minor injuries due to a house fire early Sept. 16 morning.

At 4:06 a.m. the Waukesha County 911 Communications Center received several 911 calls reporting an explosion and fire. Fire crews responded to the 16700 block of Shore Line Drive.

First-responding units found a large, two-story, single-family residence with heavy smoke and fire coming from the second story windows and attic. Two people inside the residence were alerted to the fire and safely evacuated prior to the fire department’s arrival. They reported that their two dogs were still inside the residence. One dog was rescued by the crews and the other was found walking outside.

There were no reported injuries to civilians and three firefighters sustained minor injuries. The occupants of the home were being assisted by the American Red Cross.

There was extensive damage to the second floor and the fire is under investigation at this time.

The fire was brought under control at 5:32 a.m. The Brookfield Fire Department was assisted at the scene by the Town of Brookfield, Pewaukee, Elm Grove, New Berlin, Menomonee Falls, Waukesha and Lake Country fire departments, along with Elm Grove EMS and Milwaukee Fire Bells.



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Residents speak out against Wheel & Sprocket mixed-use building

Supporters don't want to pass up opportunity

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BROOKFIELD — Nearly 50 residents of Brookfield shared their opposition to a five-story mixed-use building proposed for a corner of Lilly Road and Capitol Drive that many have called blighted. They cited traffic, height and property values as their primary concerns.

With the City Hall Council Chambers full, the Common Council meeting Sept. 20 included a public hearing, during which there was a brief presentation on the proposal, a question and answer session for council members and those involved in the planning process and an opportunity for people to express their opposition and support for the project.

The primary occupant of the building's commercial space would be Wheel & Sprocket, a bike shop that opened in 1973. Noel Kegel, president of Wheel & Sprocket, began his presentation saying he could sense tension

in the room before explaining why he believes this type of development is the best approach for the business.

"The project attempts to be respectful of where it is," Kegel said, which drew laughter from the audience.

No action was taken at this meeting. The proposal will go back to the Plan Commission, which had mixed feelings about it in July; the earliest this will happen is Nov. 7.

Opposition

People from Brookfield and across the county have signed a petition on change.org stating that they do not support the proposal. The petition had 533 signatures as of Thursday night.

"When I moved out to Brookfield, which has been at least 35 years ago, we built our home because Brookfield was Brookfield," Barbara Kass said at the public hearing. "There weren't any sidewalks, there was a lot of green space, they weren't putting all kinds of people in apartments in a concentrated area, and that's what we liked

about Brookfield."

Kass said that she understands change needs to happen, but this project is overkill and traffic is already bad without additional residents.

"Now if you're going to widen Lilly Road, I'd sure like to know about that now because we would sell our house," she said.

Many residents said traffic at the intersections is bad enough, especially with the two high schools down the street, and that adding a 64-unit apartment building and 10 townhomes would create problems the city has not fully considered.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Traffic Analysis & Design Inc. completed traffic studies and propose adding lanes to Lilly Road as it approaches Capitol from the south to accommodate the development. The 242-page studies can be found in the agenda packet on the city's website.

Some residents brought up concerns of decreasing property values as a result of this

development, asking that more research on traffic and other neighborhood impacts be assessed before moving forward with the project.

"My grandma always said if you want to know the truth, find people's motivations," Steve Johnson, a Brookfield resident, said. "The motivation here is money, we all know it. I mean, the developers stand to make money, the owners stand to make money, the city stands to make money. The only ones that don't are the residents like me."

Some residents said they support developing this corner as many agree it is blighted, but do not support this project in its current state.

Support

"We all seem interested in development, just not this one," Brookfield resident Brandon Tschacher said. "...If Wheel & Sprocket leaves, we're going to see a whole different type of corner than right now that we seem so passionately against and I'm terrified of that."

Plan Commission staff said the proposal's density aligns with the city's 2050 compre-



A proposed mixed-use building with 10 townhomes is proposed at the corner of Capitol Drive and Lilly Road in Brookfield.

hensive plan meant to guide future development. The 2050 plan calls for higher density developments at large intersections, Director of Community Development Daniel Ertl said.

According to Kegel, Wheel & Sprocket's current facility is obsolete and floods when it rains, making this an opportunity to work with developer The Heimat Group that they want to take.

Furthermore, a portion of this land was formerly occupied by an Amoco station that contaminated the land, necessitating a \$3.2 million cleanup, costs that would be offset by the apartment units.

At the July Plan Commission meeting, Alderman Mike Hallquist said he sup-

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ports the proposal partially because Brookfield should have a variety of housing options. He asked what the ratio of multi-family to single family homes would be if the 2050 plan was built out.

Plan Commission staff said that by 2050 there will be an estimated 21,295 housing units in Brookfield. 80% of these are expected to be single family homes and 20% multi-family.

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A door opens to a courtyard outside the \$3.8 million home.



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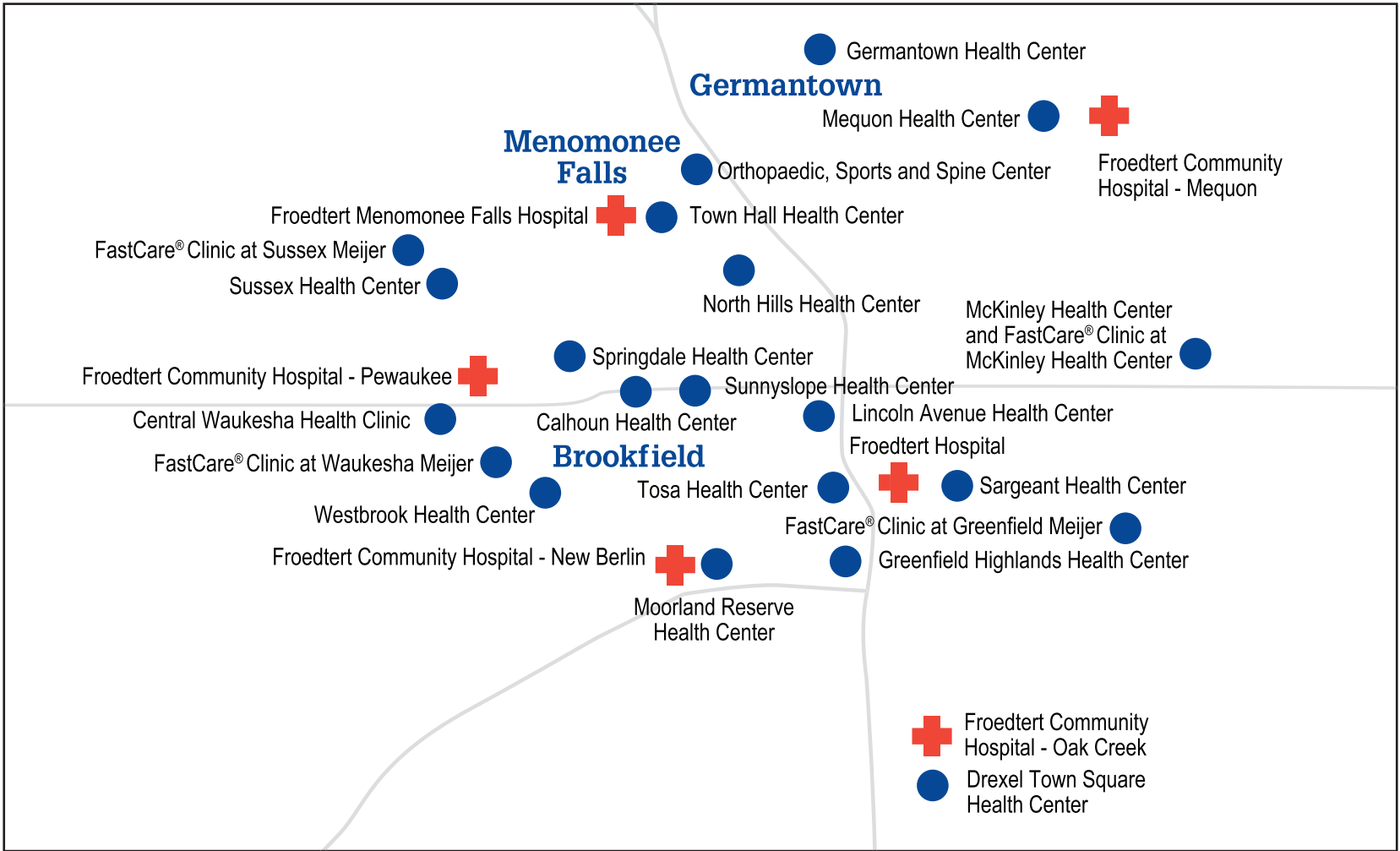
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