



# Pinecrest Neighborhood Watch

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## What's New with the Neighborhood Watch?

- Did you know you can now get text or email updates from the Athens-Clarke County Police Department about crimes near or in Pinecrest? Simply go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to sign up. You can also go to the following website for more information:  
<http://bit.ly/bj67Ay> (case sensitive)
- During the past year there were two reported car break-ins in September of 2010. There was also a car break-in during June of 2011. Otherwise it was a relatively calm year, just a few minor situations here and there.

## Some important tips to prevent Crime in our neighborhood!

- Always lock your car if it is in the street or your driveway (tell guests to do the same).
- Never leave anything of value in your car, where someone can see it. (For example: iPods, CDs, or GPS systems)
- Be aware of anything that seems suspicious and report it to the proper authorities and remember, if ever in doubt, call the police. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Steps to take if a crime happens to my house or I witness a crime in the neighborhood:

- 1) Call the police. The emergency number is, of course, 911. The Athens police non-emergency number is 706-613-3345.
- 2) After reporting the crime and the authorities have left, call your insurance company to make your initial report (if needed).
- 3) Notify the Pinecrest Neighborhood Watch Program.



To sign up for the Neighborhood Watch or report crimes/suspicious activity email  
[PinecrestNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:PinecrestNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com)

## Crimes in Athens-Clarke County are declining!

The following information was obtained from the official Athens-Clarke County 2010 Crime report.

Athens-Clarke police investigated a total of 5,274 crimes in 2010, as compared to 6,116 crimes in 2009, a drop of almost 14 percent. Property crime, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson dropped by a combined average of 13 percent, with burglary dropping by almost 31 percent. Motor vehicle theft was the only crime to increase in Athens-Clarke County from 2009 to 2010, rising by almost 9 percent to nearly 300 reported incidents.

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